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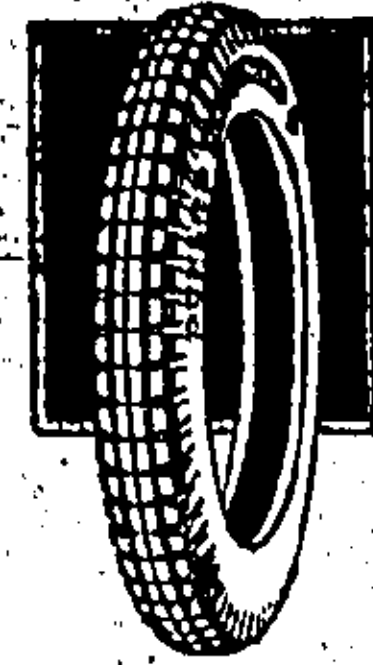
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MURDER TRIAL NEARS THE END

COUNSELS' SPEECHES

MEDICAL EVIDENCE DESCRIBED AS "A TRAVESTY."

MR. JENKIN'S "12 POINTS"

The trial of Wong Sik-cheung on a charge of murder in Yau-mat on April 1 reached its closing stages at the Assizes this morning, when counsel for both prosecution and defence addressed the jury. It is expected that the Chief Justice (Sir J. H. Kemp) will sum-up this afternoon.

The addresses turned largely upon the question of the admissibility or not of the medical evidence. Mr. Fitzroy for the Crown, emphasised that the medical evidence was adequate to prove death by strangulation. The post-mortem had been carefully conducted, with plenty of time taken over it, by a fully-trained and qualified man.

Mr. Fitzroy contended that the defence had suggested that the medical witness was incompetent to conduct a post-mortem, or to determine the cause of death.

IMAGINATION OR TRUTH?

Replying for the defence, Mr. F. C. Jenkin referred to the medical evidence as "a travesty." He set up twelve points for the consideration of the jury, each of which he afterwards elaborated himself.

Regarding the other evidence, Mr. Fitzroy suggested that prisoner's version of his own movements was a tissue of lies. It was incredible that three women, from different positions, should all imagine they saw what they had said they saw. Nor was it likely that they could have all entered into a conspiracy to convict the prisoner.

In opening his address for the Crown, Mr. Fitzroy dealt with the evidence put forward in the case. It was not possible to get a story from several witnesses dealing with the same incident, he said, without a certain amount of difference in the versions. In this case there were certain extraordinary features concerning the light at the time of the struggle. Two witnesses had referred to the light as being on when certain things happened. Others had said it was not. But they had all explained in detail what they saw, or it might be what they thought they saw.

As to the medical evidence, counsel said that the only medical witness in the case had the body laid before him. He had plenty of time to examine it carefully and to come to his decision. The Crown had put before the jury the only medical evidence obtainable. It was not a question of a difference of opinion between medical men.

The witness had said that at the time of examination of the body he was perfectly certain that death was due to strangulation. He was still perfectly certain, according to his evidence.

Mr. Fitzroy here reminded the jury that whatever the cause of death the prisoner might still be found guilty of murder.

Dealing with the contentions of the defence, counsel said emphatically, "The defence, to all intents and purposes, it seems to me, put forward the suggestion that the doctor is incompetent to carry out his duties, and to say whether death was or was not due to strangulation. This is no use beating about the bush. That is what it appears to amount to."

Dr. Uttley had dealt with over seven hundred post-mortems in the past few months. He had been practising for six years, after the usual extensive period of training required of any doctor.

"Are you going to say, then, that this man cannot decide or not whether death was due to strangulation?" counsel asked the jury. "Are you going to set yourselves up against his evidence, and to say that it is impossible for him to decide whether the blow on the head had anything to do with death?"

amination was to find out the cause of death."

Mr. Fitzroy then read out certain passages from Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence bearing on the case, asking the jury to bear their application in mind.

Not Work of One Man.

Speaking of the evidence of the other witnesses, and the general line of defence, counsel said it would be rather difficult to believe that one man alone could have committed this particular crime. Every witness said they saw the father, Wong Kan, struggling with the victim. The prisoner had said that the Crown witnesses might have given evidence as they did because possibly they might have incriminated themselves.

"Why they should do this, is difficult to understand," said Mr. Fitzroy. "There was no mention of any grudge against the prisoner. And also, why should they all say the same thing, and thus conspire, for it amounts to a conspiracy, against the prisoner?"

Prisoner's "Lies."

The prisoner's story, that he woke up, and found the man Kau Shuk struggling with Wong Kan, crossed over with the intention of interfering, did nothing, and afterwards ran outside, seemed to counsel to be a tissue of lies. It was absolutely incredible that three women living in different parts of the floor should all imagine that they saw things which they had said occurred in the room.

Counsel asked the jury to find that the man died of strangulation, and if they were satisfied that prisoner put the rope round his neck whether with the intention to kill or not, he was liable for the consequences.

Speech for Defence.

Mr. Jenkin put his speech for the defence in a nutshell to the jury in the following twelve points which he mentioned at the opening and subsequently developed in the course of his address:

- (1)—That suspicion, however great, is not sufficient.
- (2)—That if there is a reasonable doubt the charge falls.
- (3)—That where the general evidence is doubtful the absence of motive affords a strong presumption of innocence.
- (4)—That the conduct of the prisoner after the event is very strongly in his favour. The disappearance of the father is significant.
- (5)—That in their evidence the three women and the boy have not only seriously contradicted themselves, but are hopelessly at variance one with the other.
- (6)—That the extent of the "gap" on the neck entirely disposes of the women who speak of seeing the rope used.
- (7)—That a rope could not have been used and there was no evidence of anything but a blow on the head.
- (8)—That although death by a blow on the head is a possibility, it is not a certainty.
- (9)—That the medical evidence is a travesty of what is called for in a trial for life.
- (10)—That there is no full and satisfactory proof that death was occasioned by strangulation or of what was the cause.
- (11)—That the external and internal appearances of the ligature mark offer no guide to the question of whether a rope was applied before or after death.
- (12)—On this point the state of the organs of the body is of vital importance, and the evidence as to their state is confused and contradictory, and therefore useless.

Nothing Personal.

In making his attack on Dr. Uttley's evidence and his conduct of the post-mortem examination, Mr. Jenkin said that his remarks were not meant to be personal as he had never seen the doctor before his coming into court.

Counsel said that the doctor might be the Government's best medical man, but he would say that in this instance he was unreliable because he relied on his memory.

Doctors, he said, were human and Dr. Uttley's memory was liable to play tricks with him.

Commenting on the doctor's evidence at the previous trial, and then two days ago, Mr. Jenkin continued that the jury had at the previous trial been misled by a series of lies.

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POSEIDON DISASTER FUND.

Navy's Thanks to the Public.

LETTER FROM COMMODORE.

The following letter has been received by Mr. A. L. Shields, President of the Hong Kong branch of the Navy League, from Captain A. H. Walker, O.B.E., R.N., Commodore, Hong Kong, expressing the Navy's thanks to all concerned in the Poseidon Fund:

Sir,—On behalf of the personnel of the Royal Navy at Hong Kong, I desire to convey our warmest gratitude to you, and, through you, to all those at Hong Kong who have subscribed so generously to the local fund for the relief of distress arising out of the Poseidon disaster.

The manner in which all sections of the community have responded to the appeal is more than gratifying and is proof of the affection felt by Hong Kong for the Royal Navy.

Our thanks are also due to the Navy League for organising this fund and to the Press for their valuable assistance in the matter.

I understand that, as in the case of the Sepoy disaster fund last year, the sum subscribed will be remitted to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust with the proviso that a fixed sum is to be placed at the immediate disposal of each widow or next-of-kin as a direct gift from the Hong Kong Navy League Fund, and I have no hesitation in saying that by turning your subscriptions over to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust in this manner, the money will be put to the best possible use.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

A. H. WALKER, Commodore.

Navy League's Thanks. The local branch of the Navy League has issued the following expression of thanks:

The President and Committee of the Hong Kong branch of the Navy League desire to express their sincere thanks to all contributors to the Poseidon Fund in Hong Kong and outports.

The response to the appeal has been most generous, and it is hoped that subscribers will accept this expression of thanks, as it would be impossible to address each one by letter.

Contributions have been acknowledged in the Press daily, and a statement regarding the disposal of the amount collected has been published.

some other wound or act of violence.

No Real Proof.

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CRISIS OF GERMAN REICHSBANK.

President Seeks a Loan from Britain.

VISIT TO LONDON.

London, Yesterday. On arrival in London Dr. H. Luther, President of the Reichsbank, immediately entrained for the Continent in company with Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, who left for Basle.—Reuter.

Extension of Credits.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Dr. Luther, the President of

the German Reichsbank, arrived at Croydon by aeroplane before lunch and had a two-hour conference with the German Ambassador before leaving again at three o'clock for Paris by train. He will then proceed to Basle for a meeting of the International Bank.

It is assumed that Dr. Luther's conversations were in connection with the prolongation and extension of credits for the Reichsbank. It is understood that Dr. Luther was accompanied on the train as far as Dover by Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, who is on his way to Basle, and the financial and economic situation in Germany was discussed.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.

London, Yesterday.

The Reichsbank President, Dr. Luther, has arrived at Croydon by air, to submit a proposal to the British banks, particularly the Bank of England, for a loan of £50,000,000 for Germany, which it is essential to receive promptly.

Later.

Dr. Luther has left for Paris.—Reuter.

KAYE DON BREAKS HIS OWN RECORD.

Speed of 110 Miles Per Hour Reached on Lake.

MISS ENGLAND II'S FEAT.

Lake Garda, Italy.

The British racing motorist, Kaye Don, piloting Miss England II, created a new world's speed record to-day with 110.25 miles an hour, beating his own world's record of 108.49 on the Parana River, Buenos Aires, on April 8.

Later.

Kaye Don's new world's speed record was 110 miles per hour dead.

Higher Speeds Possible.

London, Yesterday.

Kaye Don, interviewed by telephone at Garda from London, said that the establishment of this new record had been very easy. He had been experimenting with different sizes of propellers since the engine was remodelled, and had now struck the best combination of gear ratio and size of propeller.

He did not mean to say that he had reached the speed limit for motor boats. Miss England II was probably capable of even higher speeds and if the experiments were followed out he would not attempt to prophesy where the limit would be reached.

Hitler Finds a New Ally.

Joins the Nationalist Leader.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRUENING.

Berlin, Yesterday.

It is announced that the Nazi leader Hitler and the Nationalist leader Hugenberg have officially joined forces in "a fight to the finish" in the campaign against the Bruening Government's policy of fulfilment and reparations, in spite of the evident collapse of the Nation and its economic life.

This decision practically means that Hugenberg's party, with 41 members in the Reichstag, will become the vassal of Hitler's 107 Nazis.—Reuter.

Workers' Wages to Be Cut.

Ten Per Cent. Reduction Scheme of Messrs. Coats.

FULL TIME RESUMPTION.

London, Yesterday.

Messrs. J. and P. Coats have decided to cut the wages of all workers by 10 per cent. in order to enable them to resume full time work.

The company, which manufactures the famous "Coats" brand of hosiery, is one of the largest employers in the textile industry.

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OUR TOO PEACEFUL RULE IN INDIA.

Authorities Blamed for Lack of Force.

UNDUE RETICENCE.

Rugby, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, at the request of Conservatives, a discussion took place on Indian affairs with particular reference to the Cawnpore riots, Burma, and the economic boycott.

Lord Irwin, the late Viceroy, was present in the distinguished strangers' gallery.

Lord Winterton, referring to the disturbances in Chittagong, Cawnpore, and the scope of the outbreak in Burma, said that anxiety was increased by undue reticence on the part of the Secretary for India and his failure, which he blamed, to insist on a display and use of force which, had action been taken at the outset, would have saved many valuable lives.—British Wireless Service.

FLIGHT TO JAPAN FRUSTRATED.

Mishap to Plane Whilst Re-Fuelling in Air.

FORCED TO DESCEND.

Solomon, Alaska, Yesterday.

A mishap in an attempt to re-fuel in mid air compelled Robbins and Jones to descend, and thus frustrated their effort to make a direct flight to Tokyo.

Earlier News.

Fairbanks (Alaska), Yesterday.

The American aviators Robbins and Jones have arrived over Fairbanks, where the first re-fuelling in the air is now proceeding.

Robbins and Jones in their plane "Fort Worth" arrived near the scheduled time, and the re-fuelling plane successfully established contact at a height of a thousand feet, several hundred gallons of petrol being transferred, and the "Fort Worth" being given weather reports as the two machines circled the town.

It is expected that the re-fuelling plane will pick up more petrol at Solomon, and accompany the "Fort Worth" across the Behring Sea for a second re-fuelling.

Nome, Alaska, Yesterday.

The "Fort Worth" has passed over here and is now heading for the Behring Sea.—Reuter's American Service.

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WHAT MORATORIUM MEANS TO BRITAIN.

Said to Involve Loss of £11,000,000.

NO MORE SACRIFICES.

Rugby, Yesterday. Arrangements are proceeding for a meeting in London on July 17 of experts in connection with President Hoover's debt suspension proposals. According to a Washington Press message the United States will be represented by Mr. Hugh Gibson, United States Ambassador at Brussels.

In the House of Commons to-day the Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr. Philip Snowden, was questioned as to the basis of calculation of the British loss of £11,000,000 arising from the debt suspension plan and as to the possible increase in the total sacrifice following the developments since his previous statement.

He said: "The British Government have no intention of agreeing to any measures in connection with giving effect to President Hoover's proposal which would involve any additional loss to the British Exchequer."

He recalls that he had said that the application of the Hoover plan would require some readjustment in the Budget before the end of the year and suggested that it would be a most suitable occasion for a detailed exposition of the figures.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The next steps for giving full effect to President Hoover's proposal are now under consideration, and arrangements are proceeding for the meeting in London on July 17 of experts of the principal signatories of the Young Plan.

Meanwhile, the newspapers emphasise the importance of Germany's attitude, and the question of whether she is going to take measures to assist the pace of the goodwill revival of Europe, is discussed.

The Times, after referring to Mr. Philip Snowden's statement that the acceptance of Mr. Hoover's proposal had created a somewhat serious budgetary position in this country, says:

"The sacrifice demanded of each of the Powers has been real and immediate. Primarily they have been made for the benefit of one country, Germany, which is itself called upon for none. Germany alone gains substantially and immediately. Is it too much to expect that she will show her recognition by herself making some contribution to the cause of European collaboration? It would greatly redound to her credit, and it would undoubtedly help the negotiations that are to begin next week if she could give some proof that she has no intention of using the economic help now being accorded her against her helpers. Can she not show her appreciation by some small voluntary act of renunciation, such as undertaking not to continue during the period of the Hoover moratorium the construction of the Ersatz Lothringen?"

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" Steak Sirloin	牛	"	40	30	35		
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Bullock's Brains	牛	per set	17	10	12		
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" Head	牛	"	\$1.20	\$1.20			
" Heart	牛	lb.	24	18	14		
" Hump, Salt	牛	"	20	18			
" Feet	牛	each	12	10	12		
" Kidneys	牛	"	15	10	12		
" Tail	牛	"	27	20	22		
" Liver	牛	lb.	24	13	14		
" Tripe	牛	"	8	6	7		
Calves' Head & Feet	牛	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00		
Mutton Chop	羊	lb.	44	26	—		
" Leg	羊	"	44	26	—		
" Shoulder	羊	"	40	24	—		
" Saddle	羊	"	44	—	—		
" Pig's Chubbings	猪	"	30	27	—		
" Brains	猪	Per set	8	—	—		
" Feet	猪	lb.	18	15	—		
" Fry	猪	"	28	15	18		
" Head	猪	"	18	20	—		
" Heart	猪	each	15	10	10		
" Kidneys	猪	"	15	10	8		
" Liver	猪	lb.	48	30	24		
Pork Chop	猪	"	38	25	23		
" Leg	猪	"	38	—	—		
" Loin	猪	"	44	30	70		
" Fat or Lard	猪	"	26	21	—		
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	per set	90	60	70		
" Heart	羊	each	12	8	7		
" Kidneys	羊	"	15	12	10		
" Liver	羊	lb.	45	28	22		
Sucking Pigs, to order	猪	"	30	30	18		
Suet, Beef	牛	"	36	26	23		
" Mutton	羊	"	22	20	20		
" Sausages	牛	"	23	—	—		
" No. 1		"	32	—	—		
Fish.							
Barbel	魚	lb.	52	16	24		
Bream	魚	"	34	20	13		
Canton Fresh Water Fish	魚	"	34	—	—		
Carp	魚	"	35	13	16		
Catfish	魚	"	40	16	27		
Codfish	魚	"	38	12	9		
Crabs	蟹	"	46	17	17		
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	27	23	26		
Dab	魚	"	26	18	27		
Dace	魚	"	48	23	16		
Do	魚	"	22	10	—		
Dog Fish	魚	"	45	10	8		
Eels, Conger	魚	"	44	16	—		
" Fresh Water	魚	"	42	10	8		
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ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.
What Mail Reviewers Say.
"MEN ON CALL."

"Men on Call," showing in the King's Theatre might equally well have been termed "The Fireman's Sweetheart," even though it purports to be a drama of the U.S. Coastguard. There cannot be many in Hong Kong who have first-hand knowledge of his hard-working body, nor does that matter very much, the story being more or less on accepted lines, which would fit into any setting.

"Chuck," well played by Edmund Lowe, starts off as a railroad engineer, but owing to a blighted romance, on the eve of his wedding, becomes a park-bench warmer, after smashing up a special train. It is then that he is rescued by the Captain of a coast-guard station. It is only natural that in later years the girl turns up again, and both men fall in love with her. It is then discovered that she never actually was a bad girl, and even if she had been, "what did it matter if you really loved me..." and so on to the happy ending.

This all sounds very trite, but the picture is not. For one thing, the background of coastguard station is made attractive. Secondly, Edmund Lowe and William Harrigan, as "Cap," act in a very unforced, manly fashion. There cannot be any objection to the "American" accent the way these two men use it. Both have a commanding screen presence, and give their roles the air of verisimilitude. The girl in the piece is capably portrayed by Mae Clarke, and Warren Hymer provides a little comedy relief as an alimony victim. The romance, one might mention, is temporarily ruined in the first place by an officious reporter, thus adding one more enormity to the staggering burden the Press are called upon to bear. The reporter is proved to be utterly wrong in the end, however, which is gratifying! The main picture is preceded by a news reel, most of which pleased the audience. In the comedy attempt which followed, the end pleased most.

"COMMON CLAY."

"Common Clay," Constance Bennett's starring vehicle, now running at the Queen's Theatre, is a drama of love between a middle class girl and the son of one of New York's 400. The story starts with the girl as hostess in a speakeasy which is raided by the Police. Ill advised, the girl pleads guilty to vagrancy and is fined \$30. Taking pity on her, the judge gives her a lecture in chambers after the case and the result is that the girl takes a job in the boy's family as maid. A friend of the boy's who had met the girl at the speakeasy "spills the beans" on her and the young master pays attention to the girl. She has a love child and is offered \$50,000 to "square" and proves that she is not that sort of adventuress by refusing the money. If the boy was ashamed of the girl's own child, she was not. The boy's father puts a lot of obstacles in the lovers' path, but in the end the boy decides to do the right thing by marrying the girl even if it meant breaking with his family. Then pa gives in, and all ends well.

There is also a lot of fun in the picture provided principally by the English butler who drops his attache something "orrible, and picks them up in unexpected places! Good entertainment, although the sob stuff is a little drawn out.

From Other Sources.

"SPLINTERS"

By special request, the Management of the King's Theatre decided to re-screen the famous

British film, "Splinters," for another two days, commencing on Sunday.

A revue and a real-life romance are embodied in "Splinters" which, after eleven years of its existence as a revue, was transferred to the talking screen depicting how it started in the front line of the Great War; how it developed; in the rest camps behind the line; how it grew within reports of the guns and how it made devastated Flanders into a land of laughter. "Splinters" really started from an uncouth sing-song to become the First Army Concert Party which was known to every soldier in Northern France. Its virtual founder and most enthusiastic supporter was Lord Horne, the First Army Commander who saw that laughter among other explosives was essential to victory. And it was he who provided laughter for the fighting men on his discovery of Private Hal Jones in the trenches. Hal Jones we must remember was a comedian in civilian life and was consequently ordered to organise a Concert Party. Thus "Splinters" came into being and will be seen again.

"GENTLEMAN'S FATE"

Twenty-five thousand dollars worth of emeralds were part of the "props" used in the filming of "Gentleman's Fate," John Gilbert's new starring vehicle, which will open at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

The gems were brought from a vault under surety bond after an attempt was made to use paste emeralds in the picture. The imitations, however, photographed "dead" under the brilliant lights and it was necessary to use genuine stones in order to obtain the dazzling beauty vital to the scene. Mervyn Le Roy, who last directed "Little Caesar," screened the new Gilbert talkie from an original story by Ursula Parrott.

The story revolves about a society chap who is suddenly faced with the fact that his father, whom he has believed to be dead, is the leader of a New Jersey bootlegging. The drama begins when his fiancée breaks their engagement and he decides to enter upon his father's occupation and becomes a gangster-killer.

An important supporting cast includes Louis Wolheim, Lella Hyams, Anita Page, Marie Prevost, John Miljan, and George Cooper.

"BROADWAY SCANDALS"

A brilliant galaxy of song writers was assembled by the Columbia Pictures to provide the lyrics and music for "Broadway Scandals," the musical comedy sensation coming to the Central Theatre to-day. Such well-known composers as Fred Thompson, Dave Franklin, Jack Stone, James Hanley, Sam Coslow, Dave Dryer, Sidney Claire, Joe Trent and Charles Daniels are responsible for the seven snappy numbers that are presented by a cast of soloists and a chorus of fifty stage beauties in Columbia's musical extravaganza.

Among the song hits of the show are "What Is Life Without Love," written by Fred Thompson, Dave Franklin and Jack Stone; and "Does An Elephant Love Peanuts," the work of James Hanley, who is responsible for "The Rose of Washington Square" and the entire score for "The Rainbow Man." He has also collaborated on the music for several Ziegfeld shows.

"Can You Read In My Eyes," a catchy sentimental number, is the work of Sam Goslow, who gave the world "The Blue Lou," "Was It A Dream," and "Flippity, Floppity." Like Hanley, Goslow has composed music and lyrics for a number of outstanding Broadway musical shows. Joe Trent, composer of the sensational song success, "Muddy Waters," composed a new hit for "Broadway Scandals," entitled "Love the Cause of All My Blues." Charles Daniels collaborated with Trent on this number.

"Would I Love To Love You" is the title of the song written by Dave Dryer and Sidney Claire. This tune bids fair to become as popular as Dryer's other song successes, "Me and My Shadow,"

RADIO
TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.
7.03-7.20 p.m.—Band Selections.
Sngamore March (Goldman), The Chimes of Liberty March (Goldman), Arthur Pryor's Band. Masked Ball—Selection (Verdi arr. Creators), Creators' Band.
7.20-7.41 p.m.—Organ Solo.
Song of the Woodcutter (Moret), What Does It Matter (Berlin), Jesse Crawford.
Just a Bird's-Eye View of My Old Kentucky Home (Kahn-Donaldson), In a Little Spanish Town (Lewis-Young-Wayne), Jesse Crawford.
Cherie, I Love You (Goodman), Ting-a-Ling (Britt-Little), Jesse Crawford.
8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

7.41-8.25 p.m.—A Concert.
Piano Solo—Humoresque (Dvorak), Polish Dance (Scharwenka), Hans Barth.
Song—The Merry Widow—Waltz (Ross-Lehar), The Merry Widow—Vilja (Ross-Lehar), Hilda Lashanska (Soprano).
Violin Solo—One Little Dream of Love (Gordon), Rose in the Bud (Forster), Renee Chemet.

Song—Moonlight and Roses (Black-Moret), The Sweetest Call (Troon-Morrow), John McCormack (Tenor).
Violoncello Solo—Gavotte Tendre (Hillemacher), Menuet (Debussy), Pablo Casals.
Piano Solo—Etude in A Flat Major (Chopin), Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin), Alfred Cortot.
8.25-8.57 p.m.—Orchestral.
William Tell—Overture (Rossini), The Glow-Worm—Idyl (Robinson-Lincke), Hearts and Flowers—Intermezzo (Tobani), Victor Concert Orchestra.

The Swing—Waltz, Hudson Waves—Waltz (Pignoloni), The Little Parade, Victor Concert Orchestra.
8.57-9.27 p.m.—Variety.
St. Margaret's Chimes (Westminster), Impressions of London (Westminster), Stanley Roper. (Actual Recording).

Organ Solo—St. Louis Blues, Lenox Avenue Blues, Thomas Waller.

Vocal Gems—The Love Parade, Sunny Side Up, Victor Light Opera Co.
Hawaiian Orchestra—Hawaiian Dreams, Honolulu Moon, Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra.
9.27-9.52 p.m.—Instrumental.
Piano Solo—Brooklet (Schubert-Rachmaninov), Sergei Rachmaninov.

Violin Solo—Negro Spiritual Melody (Dvorak-Kreisler), Song of the Volga Boatmen (Kreiser), Fritz Kreisler.

Piano Solo—Invitation to the Waltz (Weber), Alfred Cortot.

Violin Solo—Caprice Antique (Balogh-Kreisler), Legend of the Canyon (Cadmán), Fritz Kreisler.

9.52-10.28 p.m.—Operatic.
Selections from Mefistofele (Boito arr. Creators), Mefistofele—Prologue (Boito arr. Creators), Creators' Band.
Rigoletto—Quartet (Verdi), Rigoletto—Introduction and Minuet (Verdi), Creators' & His Band.
Pearl Fishers—Selection (Bizet arr. Creators), Creators' Band.
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

Greater activity in building construction in Vancouver during the first four months of this year is evidenced by an increase of \$1,149,608 in the value of building permits issued which for the four months period ending April 30, 1930, totalled \$6,609,156.

"Rainbow Round My Shoulder," "Back in My Own Back Yard," "The Spell of the Blues" and "Evangeline."

"Rhythm of the Tambourine," a novelty sensation, and "Klickin' The Blues Away," a peppy tune, are two other numbers written expressly for "Broadway Scandals," by the versatile Dave Franklin, musical entertainer and composer of popular songs.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Men On Call." Theatre; To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Common Clay." Theatre; To-day—Central Theatre; "Broadway Scandals." Theatre; To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Singing Peony." Theatre; To-day—World Theatre; "Sunny Side Up." Theatre; To-day—Star Theatre; "Hell Harbour."

Home Malls.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Fushimi Maru); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Hakone Maru), 12.30 p.m.; for Europe via Siberia (President Cleveland), 6 p.m.

Land Sales.

Monday—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land, 8 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Miscellaneous.

July 18—Bazaar in aid of St. Paul's Hospital Fund, 10 a.m.

GOOD ACCENT PAYS.

Public & the Elementary Schoolboy.

Speaking at a teachers' conference at Portsmouth, Miss L. Swann, of Palmers Green, advocated more English lessons in school. She said: "Help the children to see the bread and butter value of English. When they get out in to the world the difference between the elementary school children and the secondary school and public school boys is accent." Mr. J. T. Mulley, of Leeds, said: "I know of girls of 14 and 16 who can earn 30s. a week sewing on buttons. That is a degrading and soul-destroying occupation. "Give them something to think about while they are sewing on buttons, something besides thinking of meeting their best boys waiting at the corner to take them to the pictures."

DO YOU MAKE BAD DECISIONS?

Every time you are called upon to make a decision you are taking either a step forward or a step backward on the road of success according to whether your decision be good or bad.

Many a bad decision on an important occasion has been caused by an impatient-irritable feeling, the result of disordered stomach and intestines. A man in a wife temper, suffering from "liver" is hardly likely to give careful consideration to any matter he has to decide. A man who is feeling tired and listless through staleness and indigestion is not likely to exert his best powers of concentration on any given problem.

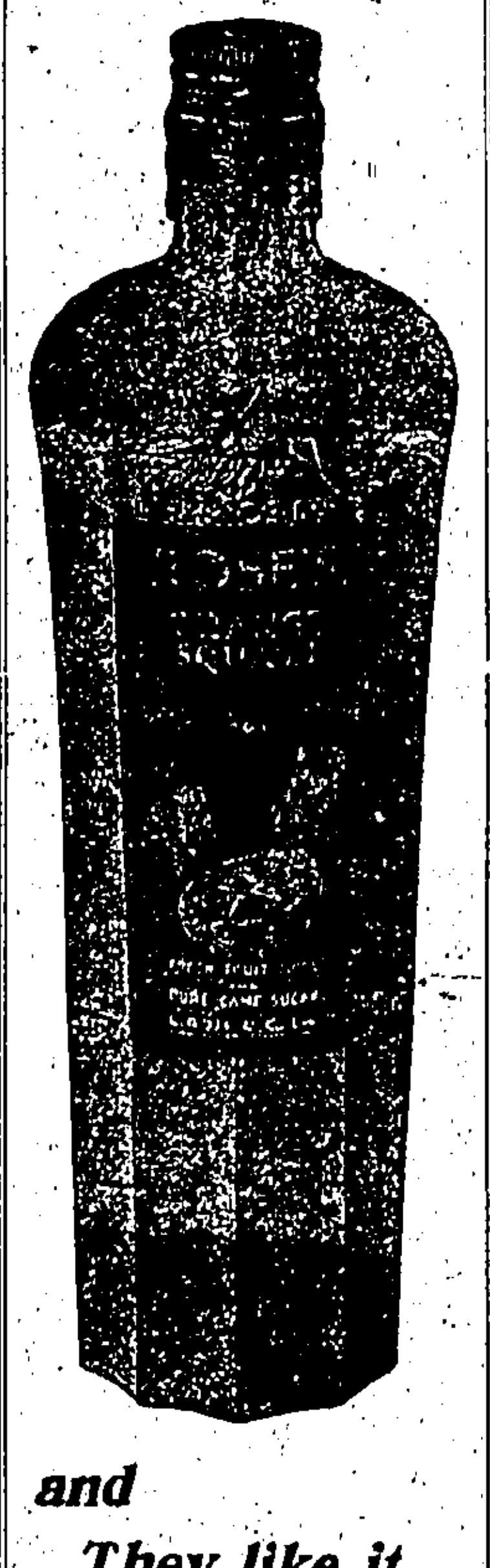
In truth, a healthy functioning of the internal organs is one of the vital factors to success; no matter what a man's work may be. Under the unnatural conditions of modern life, an occasional aperient has become an absolute necessity. This occasional cleansing is essential in order to get rid of the accumulation that adheres to the linings of the internal organs and which is the potential cause of chronic constipation.

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MAGGIE-KIN! GO OUT?
NO ONE BUT A FOOL WOULD GO OUT IN SUCH WEATHER! GO TO YOUR ROOM!
PARDON ME, MA'AM, BUT MR. DE PEYSTER IS CALLING TO SEE YOU.
SEND THE FOOL IN!
SHUT UP!
YES, SIR.

SCHNEIDER TROPHY RUMOURS.

France and Italy to Participate.

NO WITHDRAWALS.

It is learned that the rumours to the effect that France and Italy have decided to withdraw from the Schneider Trophy contest have no foundation in fact.

It was stated at the Royal Aero Club that no suggestion of the kind had been made. The Air Attaches at the French and Italian Embassies had likewise heard nothing about any withdrawal.

The secretary of the French Aero Club explicitly denied the rumours in so far as France is concerned.

Reports that the French and Italians are not hopeful of success in the contest should be accepted with reserve. Great Britain, it is true, has the initial advantage of previous success and of the contest being held in British waters, but the two new British seaplanes now under construction are to some extent unknown quantities. It is quite possible that the SE type which won the race in 1929 may still prove the best.

In that event a reliable Italian or French seaplane, even though not a record breaker, might win, or at least take second place.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

League Programme.

The following are the probable teams for to-morrow's games in the Lawn Bowls League:

Club de Recreio.

Recreio senior team (home) v. Craigen-gower at 4 p.m.—A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza, and R. F. Luz (Skip).

Dr. R. A. C. Basto, C. A. Lopes, A. H. Basto, and C. G. Silva (Skip).

Junior team (away) v. Craigen-gower at 4 p.m.—L. F. Xavier, J. M. S. Rosario, H. A. Alves, and F. X. M. Silva (Skip).

H. Rozario, A. E. S. Alves, A. V. Barros, and J. G. Ozorio (Skip).

J. M. M. Alves, J. J. Basto, F. V. Ribeiro, and A. C. Ribeiro (Skip).

Civil Service C.C. Civil Service senior team (home) v. Kowloon Dock—J. Jones, H. Westlake, J. Deakin, and J. Hollidge (Skip).

Jas. T. Dobbie, A. O. Brown, L. E. Longbottom, and W. E. Hollands (Skip).

S. Randle, S. A. Alderman, A. H. Oswick, and J. Gregory (Skip).

Junior team (away) v. Electric R.C.—P. Knight, R. R. Wood, L. Holland, and H. E. Strange (Skip).

N. Bebbington, L. Luck, J. Massey, and F. H. W. Haynes (Skip).

H. Lockhart, C. Strange, W. Bickford, and R. R. Davies (Skip).

Reserves: J. McGowan, and J. Willmott.

Electric R.C. Hong Kong Electric R.C. team (home) v. Civil Service C.C. at 3.30 p.m.—T. P. Sanderson, W. Stoker, J. R. Way, and W. H. B. Muskett (Skip).

R. C. Butler, C. E. Gahagan, D. S. Hill, and A. Webster (Skip).

J. Sloan, F. Normington, G. T. Padgett, and A. F. Paul (Skip).

Reserve: H. S. Jones.

UNITED STATES AND DUELLING.

Carolina Prefers Car Encounters.

SIR JONAS' DISGUST.

The recent announcement of a fatal duel in New York will come as a surprise to most English people. Yet, quite apart from the prompt excitement afforded by gangsters, duelling is by no means extinct in the United States.

It still flourishes, with a mixture of old-world formality and new-world weapons, in North Carolina. The favourite method is the duel by motor car.

The combatants take their places in cars a mile apart. On the second signal the two cars start and pass each other at full speed, the drivers meanwhile exchanging shots. It is not recorded, the cars are reversed, and the duel starts again.

In this country we no longer breed the race of horsemen which took place nearly eighty years ago. The participants were two Frenchmen.

In Ireland, however, duelling lasted until a considerably later period. Less than fifty years ago there was a famous duel between Sir Jonas Barrington and a certain McNally, writes "Londoner" in the Evening Standard.

The weapons were pistols, and at the first exchange McNally fell with a wound of "I'm done for."

When the seconds rushed up they found no trace of a wound. The bullet had been turned aside by the buckle of McNally's braces which, in Ulster slang, are still known as "gallows."

Sir Jonas, having ascertained that his opponent was unhurt, left the field in disgust, remarking: "That is the first rascal I know who has been saved by the gallows."

THE HARDER LAWN TENNIS BALL.

International Committee Appointed.

BATTLE ROYAL.

An international battle, involving thirty to forty months, is being waged in secret over the question of a harder lawn tennis ball.

The International Lawn Tennis Federation, at their meeting in Paris, resolved to form a ball committee of six men, consisting of representatives nominated by Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Great Britain, and America, to consider a proposal that the ball should be hardened.

English players have spoken contemptuously of the "thistle-down" ball used in the American contests. Similar charges have been made against balls played in Europe.

The ball, by Rule 3, must be of the fixed official size, weight, and bound. The problem is how to make a harder ball and keep it within Rule 3 of the game.

Women players may think the ball hard enough already. Will the international committee differentiate between the ball to be used by men and that by women?

JACK HOBBS' GREAT RECORD

BAFFLING BRIDGE PROBLEM.

When Is A Player a Professional?

FLUCTUATING FORTUNES.

Is Mr. Jones, who by good luck and industry is half a sovereign in pocket on the year's turnover at a Hampstead bridge-table, an amateur or a professional?

Equally, what is the status of the West End clubmen whose bank balances swell by four figures because of skill at the card table. Quite a number of them earn £2,000 a year there; a select few even more.

Also (a third and last question) is a man of fluctuating fortunes an amateur in a losing year and a professional in a winning one?

Here are posers for the amateur purist of golf, lawn tennis, football—almost any game you like—to ponder. What is the newly-formed Bridge Association going to do about it?

Wisely, it is likely to do exactly nothing. Problems so complicated would need so much solution that there would be no time for bridge. Bank balances would have to be investigated and awkward questions asked about the professions of men who win solidly at their clubs.

So the new Association, which is coming into being in order to promote inter-team, club, county and national matches, will step round this quagmire. Everyone who plays bridge well enough—provided, of course, that his bridge is above suspicion—will come within its purview when honours are concerned. Here at last is a game which will have no amateur problems; the Association will sensibly refuse to create one.

The man who wins more money than his fellows at the same stake is obviously the man to play for England.

The new body has as its provisional committee Mr. Frank England (bridge correspondent of the "Evening Standard"), Mr. A. E. Manning Foster, Colonel Walter Buller, Mr. Jack Dalton and Colonel Walsh. It is emphasised that in encouraging competitive team bridge it is not seeking to encroach on the legislative authority of the Portland Club.

FOUR-FIGURE TOTALS ON 22 OCCASIONS.

ONE SEASON FAILS.

Operation Allows Only Six Innings.

RECORDS ABROAD.

Jack Hobbs, in reaching his 1,000 runs on June 15 against Sussex at Hove, did so for the twenty-second time in twenty-three seasons, his one failure being in 1921, when, compelled to undergo an operation, he played only six innings. In 1925 he made his record aggregate—3,024—while on fifteen other occasions he has exceeded 2,000.

Three times his total was over 1,900. In 1905—his first year in first-class cricket—his aggregate was 1,817, and in 1927, when illness kept him out of the field for five weeks, he scored 1,641 runs.

The following is a list of his aggregates in first-class matches since 1905:

Year	Under 2,000	Aggt.
1905	1,817	1,817
1906	1,901	1,901
1907	1,904	1,904
1908	1,982	1,982
1909	2,121	2,121
1910	2,121	2,121
1911	2,121	2,121
1912	2,121	2,121
1913	2,121	2,121
1914	2,121	2,121
1915	2,121	2,121
1916	2,121	2,121
1917	2,121	2,121
1918	2,121	2,121
1919	2,121	2,121
1920	2,121	2,121
1921	2,121	2,121
1922	2,121	2,121
1923	2,121	2,121
1924	2,121	2,121
1925	2,121	2,121
1926	2,121	2,121
1927	2,121	2,121
1928	2,121	2,121
1929	2,121	2,121
1930	2,121	2,121
Total	39,000	39,000

Year	Over 2,000	Aggt.
1907	2,140	2,140
1908	2,140	2,140
1909	2,140	2,140
1910	2,140	2,140
1911	2,140	2,140
1912	2,140	2,140
1913	2,140	2,140
1914	2,140	2,140
1915	2,140	2,140
1916	2,140	2,140
1917	2,140	2,140
1918	2,140	2,140
1919	2,140	2,140
1920	2,140	2,140
1921	2,140	2,140
1922	2,140	2,140
1923	2,140	2,140
1924	2,140	2,140
1925	2,140	2,140
1926	2,140	2,140
1927	2,140	2,140
1928	2,140	2,140
1929	2,140	2,140
1930	2,140	2,140
Total	39,000	39,000

Complete totals to 1930: In England, 48,071; in Australia, 4,570; in South Africa, 2,683; aggregate, 55,321; 1931, 1,041; aggregate to date, 56,362.

AGGREGATES ABROAD.

Year	Australia	Ins.	R.	H.S.	N.O.	Aver.
1907-08	22	876	115	1	41.71	
1911-12	18	943	137	1	54.94	
1920-21	19	924	138	1	48.63	
1924-25	17	855	154	1	54.06	
1928-29	18	962	142	1	56.00	
Total	4,570					

Year	South Africa	Ins.	R.	H.S.	N.O.	Aver.
1909-10	20	1,194	187	1	62.84	
1913-14	22	1,469	170	2	74.45	
Total	2,683					

SHOTS FOR THE COURTS.

Hints for Tennis Aspirants.

ART OF VOLLEYING.

Can the game be taught? Of course it can.

Nearly every first class volleyer agrees that volleys should be "chopped."

More matches are lost by mis-hitting the easy balls than missing the hard ones.

It is want of pluck alone which prevents anyone with an overhead service smashing with success.

Dunce or demigod, the testing time of drudgery and defeat must be endured before mastery can be achieved.

For complete control of a spinning ball your return must reverse its spin, of the curve of its flight in the air.

It is the rabbit who lets the ball always—except when making a stop or drop shot.

Remember you are playing against a human being, not a machine. Temper and temperament add up to more than people reckon.

And still people say that they are content to play "for fun," indicating thus a choice for brainless as against intelligent exercise.

You must try spins, and learn to impart service as well. Nearly everyone does so—but it is generally a case of unconscious humour.

Imitation is the sincerest proof of incapacity—and to insist on a slavish copy of some selected model is to risk unnatural evolution.

The three essentials in an overhead service are:—(1) Correct ball throwing; (2) loose grip of racket; and (3) the deliberate attempt to hit up instead of down.

With the coming of the true-surfaced courts came the method of taking the ball on the rise, and from there to the half volley is merely another step on the road to perfection—i.e., an equipment of all the strokes.

Essential points to remember:—(1) Follow through; (2) ease and suppleness of carriage; (3) sideways stance for hitting; (4) both eyes on the ball; (5) loose grip and speed; (6) top spin and its value; (7) different spins; and (8) how to control these.

Note how a good volleyer crouches and gets his own head down, keeping the racket head up. This habit alone earned a veteran his place in the team for years. But what bushels of buttons his wife had to

WASHINGTON CRIME PLOT TO DYNAMITE LAW COURT.

U.S. Capital Holds Its Head-Up.

SHAMEFACED PRIDE.

Washington, which for some months has struggled against the stigma imposed upon it last year by the President as being the "country's model city," is rejoicing in a small but undeniably authentic crime wave.

In one week a steady average of two crimes of violence per day was maintained. Technical terms such as "big shot territory," "war on the south side," and "north side gangs" rolled with gusto from the tongues of perfectly respectable citizens.

While they deprecate these events as a matter of form, it is plain that they take a somewhat shamefaced pride at the thought that Washington may soon hold its head high even in the company of such aristocrats of crime as New York and Chicago.

After much research a gambling "hell" known as Fontaines had been discovered just outside the city limits, hiding behind a high green fence. The most flattering thing of all, it is reported, is that the great Al Capone has designed to notice the city and has had as personal representative in Washington for the past few months a man bearing the romantic name of Doc Gooch.

The police, however, are acting as though they are spoilt sports. They merely snort when those momentous facts are brought to their attention, and assert that there are no "big shots" in the organised gangs of Washington, but just a lot of "small town amateurs."

The first man in Washington to have the distinction of being put on the spot is Jack Cunningham, who died in hospital. He was shot down from a motor as he was entering his home.

He was a bootlegger, who acted as police informer. Wallace Middleton, a policeman, who acted as the bootlegger's informer, has been arrested on suspicion of complicity.

THREATENED M. BRIAND.

The Comte de Malroy has been condemned to four months' imprisonment, with suspension of sentence, and a fine of 50 francs. On October 6, 1930, he addressed an unsigned letter containing threats to M. Briand. In the course of the hearing the Court expressed regret for the terms of the letter. The sentence was suspended on account of the brilliant military record of the prisoner.

replace—pretty little pearls for his shirt front!

Eton crop notwithstanding, most girls, for physical reason—and most bankers, for mental habits—require to be encouraged to hit the back stop netting. But their brothers and harumscarum Dianas need the brake on their swipes to the boundary.

The colloquial expression of the rule "Keep your eye on the ball," in fact, is so valueless as to be almost absurd. Almost everyone does keep one eye on the ball—it is difficult not to do this. You must learn to keep two eyes on the ball, and this can be done by turning the head down and towards the ball as you make the stroke.—The Sports Dispatch.

Police Discovery at Chittagong.

CANISTERS IN HOLES.

Four large canisters believed to contain dynamite were unearthed by the authorities near the Divisional Commissioner's office which is adjacent to the Court building on Kutchary Hill, Chittagong.

The canisters, approximately ten inches high and 20 inches in diameter, were retrieved from holes 18 inches deep. The District Magistrate was present together with the Superintendent of Police, the Additional Superintendent of Police, and the Deputy Inspector-General. Wrapped in oiled cloth, the canisters were bound with electric wires which ran below the surface for a distance of 50 feet. The canisters were sealed and removed by the police.

Subsequently a young man named Nibaran Ghosh belonging to Tipperah was arrested near Laldighi while carrying a canister, similar to that found on Kutchary Hill and it is believed that a statement made by him led to the discovery of the canisters near the Court. Three other canisters were recovered from a house in the Nalapara quarter.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for July, 1931. Standard time of the 126th Meridian East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

July	Sunrise	Sunset
	a.m.	p.m.
10	5.45	7.11
11	5.45	7.11
12	5.46	7.11
13	5.46	7.11
14	5.47	7.11
15	5.47	7.11
16	5.48	7.10
17	5.48	7.10
18	5.49	7.10
19	5.49	7.10
20	5.50	7.09
21	5.50	7.09
22	5.51	7.08
23	5.51	7.08
24	5.51	7.07
25	5.52	7.07
26	5.52	7.06
27	5.52	7.06
28	5.53	7.05
29	5.53	7.05
30	5.54	7.05

ELEVEN TIMES MARRIED.

Her Last Husband Was So Lazy.

Mrs. Carolyn Paschall, a wealthy woman of Alexandria, Louisiana, has just married her eleventh husband.

Two days after she obtained her freedom from Mr. J. W. Willis, her tenth husband, she married Mr. Louis Paschall of Florida, having secured her divorce from Willis on the ground of laziness.

In her 64 years Louisiana's most married woman has obtained seven divorces and three of her husbands have died.

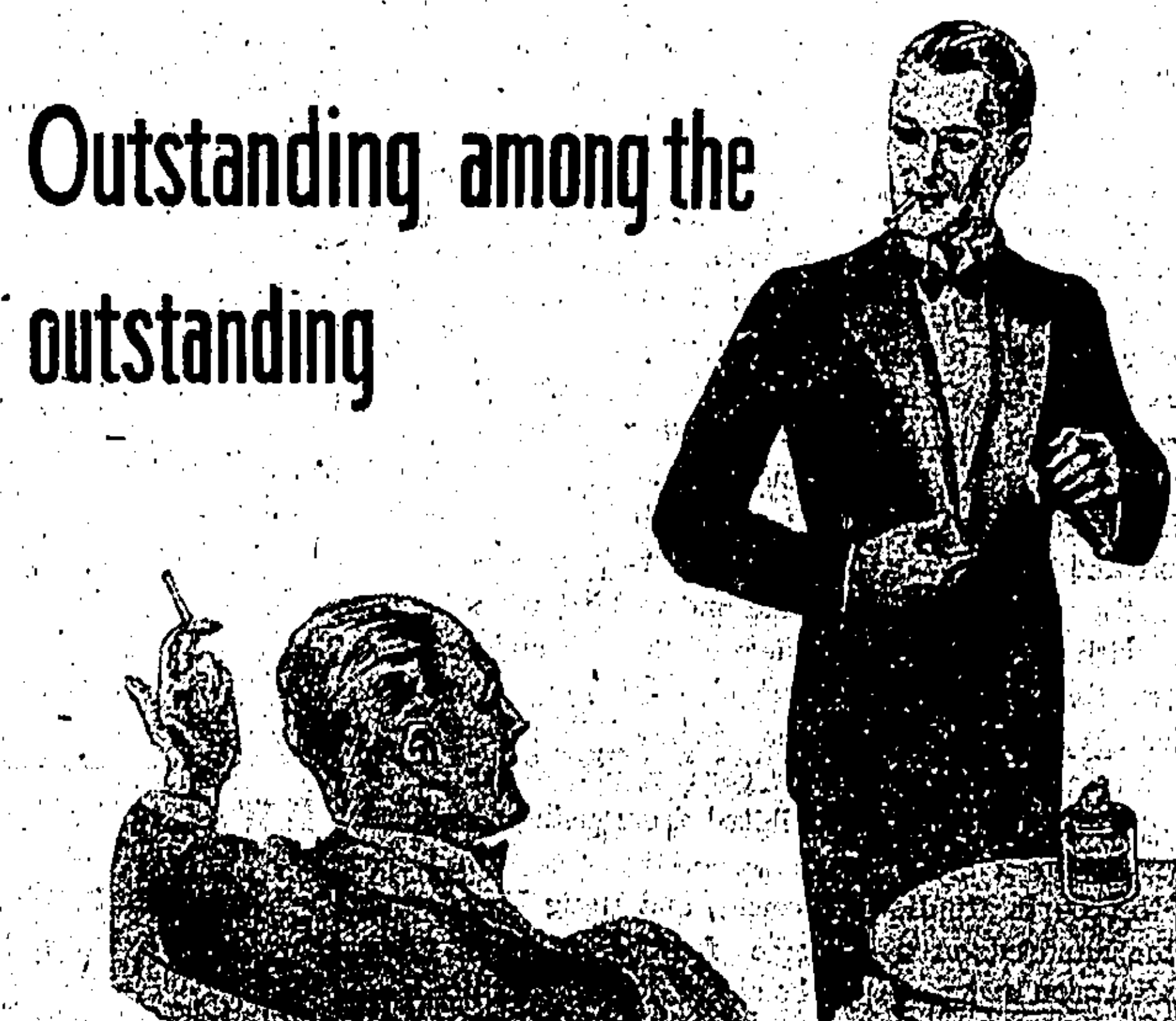
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Our Pleasures.

The busiest of men find time for relaxation and abandon from ties of office, so that it is not out of place to dilate on a subject which concerns every one of us—our pleasures. In Hong Kong those pleasures are very limited and are confined largely to the more energetic recreations, including even golf and lawn bowls. Our Colony, so the guide books tell us, abounds with more opportunities for sports than any other part of the East. But does it? Not all of us can afford to belong to Golf Clubs; few of us may care to cross the water for a set of tennis, even if the courts are disengaged, and the hundreds of us who crave an afternoon swim are debarred from enjoying this pleasure unless we are prepared to undress in a public matshed. The pleasures, it seems, are for the lucky few in Hong Kong, for the people with money and influence; not many Civil Servants have anything to lack, in spite of their walls of poverty and de-limited salaries. The average man with the average salary here has to rest content with walks and bus rides, very pleasant in themselves, but hardly suitable for these flaming dog days.

Yet, with the expenditure of a comparatively small sum, Hong Kong could be made a very pleasant place indeed. For example, the provision of an esplanade or sports ground at Repulse Bay, and at other points of the island would not only induce more tourists and visitors to spend their holidays in the Colony, but would be highly appreciated by a great many local residents who do not

care to sit on the sands unless they possess a matshed. A promenade, with deck chairs, and an orchestra playing "The Blue Danube" the while our pyramidal pleasure makers sipped their creme-de-menthe frappes, would meet with instant approval from the majority. In fact, we already possess a promenade of sorts at Repulse Bay, only the view of the sea is completely obliterated by the overcrowded avenues of matsheds. The matshed is an Eastern innovation and one can say, without fear of contradiction that no local authorities at our British seaside resorts would allow the erection of a single building of similar type which so spoiled the pleasures of others. What is the advantage of a matshed, since one uses it for a few hours of the day only, and is not allowed to sleep in it at night? It is merely an expensive encumbrance, a gesture of extravagance on the part of overpaid employees who can afford them and underpaid employees who cannot. A bathing tent would be just as satisfactory, with tent-parasols to protect one from the sun, or little Chinese pergolas could be built at suitable distances apart for those who dislike sitting out in the sun. This slight sacrifice on the part of the matshed owners would mean that from the promenade one would have a beautiful view of the bay and could sit perfectly rested under the shade of the flame-of-the-forest trees. Motor cars, would, of course, be prohibited from using the lower road, especially the hired car nuisances; and Hong Kong would become famous in the travel books as the Torquay of the East. Owing to its equable climate in the Autumn and Winter, Hong Kong would make an ideal health resort for the recuperation of residents of Malaya and China, provided there was a better provision of entertainments in the evening. Except for the pictures and occasional dances, we are starved of evening entertainment and could very happily take a leaf from Shanghai's book of pleasures, without its corruption. Hong Kong could never be corrupt, not on the surface.

Most of us have made our homes in Hong Kong, we shall be here for ten, fifteen, or perhaps twenty years, and we have the right to demand something better of the Government than the provision of public matsheds and good roads. There is a great opportunity for the Government to make Hong Kong a select resort with harmless places of amusement where one

might relax, but it is more than doubtful whether the Government, advised by some of our vested interests, would not put its foot down heavily on any such propositions. After all, our duty here is to make money; we are not supposed to have any pleasures beyond those of a health spa for gouty invalids.

News in Brief.

A woman named Chan Shut-ying (22) of 377, Lockhart Road, Wan-chai, is a patient in the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of poisoning from adelin.

Whilst out on a picnic, a man named Chung Kan-hing (54) of 19 Bonham Road, had a little revolver practice, in the course of which he injured his forearm. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A boy, Lai Kan-chun, aged three years, met a terrible death by accidentally falling into a bucket full of hot water at the Dairy Farm premises at Pokfulam. The lad was taken to the Nethersole Hospital where he subsequently died.

The report that General Chang Fa-kuei has recovered from illness turns out to be incorrect, as the commander of the Ironsides is still under medical treatment in Hong Kong for disorders in his digestive organ, according to the Central Press. It is expected that he will be able to return to Canton next week.

Whilst walking in a scavenging lane at the rear of Lyceum Buildings, a coolie, Li Tip (18), was attacked by a dog, and bitten in the left heel. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital. The dog belonged to Mrs. A. E. Ablog of 3, Hart Avenue, and, at her request, it was taken to Ma Tau Kok to be destroyed.

An entirely new version of Paramount's biggest success "The Love Parade," starring Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald, will be screened in the Majestic Theatre, commencing on Sunday. This will positively be the public's last opportunity of viewing this most entertaining production. Lupino Lane and Lillian Roth have big roles in the film.

A married woman named Lam Sze (20), of 147 Ki Lung Street, is alleged to have attempted to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour from the seawall at Shamshuipo. She was rescued by Mr. F. Brett of the Public Works Department, and taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital where, after recovery, she was taken to the S.C.A. for enquiries.

Whilst engaged in installing a rubber cutting machine in the Canton Rubber Factory, Nam Cheung Street, two employees of the Kowloon Docks, Leung Sai (36), of 92 Wuhu Street, and Ng Tai (57), of 12, Bulkeley Street, received injuries to their heads. A rope over a girder slipped and the iron girder fell on the workmen. They were conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital.

Mr. E. H. Williams (as Coroner) in the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, conducted an enquiry touching the death of a Chinese girl who was killed when she fell from the pillar seat of a motor cycle in Kennedy Road and was run over by a motor car. The jury returned a verdict of "death by misadventure" without any blame whatever being attached to the driver of the motor car.

KWANGTUNG CALM

No Fear of a Red Invasion.

The military situation in Kwangtung is quiet, according to a Party bulletin. As Chiang Kai-shek is unable to cope with the Reds, much less to come near Kwangtung, the question is when the National Government will embark on the punitive expedition against Chiang.

There is no alarm whatever, says the Canton Sun, that the Kiangsi Reds will be driven into this province owing to the fortifications on the northern border and the heavy concentration of troops there. It is learned that the Communists, in the event of evacuation will move to Chekiang and Fukien.

SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION

Nanking, Wednesday. With regard to the controversy within the ranks of the "Sino-French Scientific Expedition," the Nanking Ministry of Foreign Affairs received a telegram from Peking yesterday, stating that the dispute has been settled. A French member of the expedition, who was accused of a Chinese member of the expedition, has been replaced by a Chinese member.

NEW AMBULANCE ACCEPTED.

Governor and Worth of the Brigade.

LOCAL HONOURS.

At Government House yesterday afternoon, H.E. the Governor formally received the new motor ambulance for St. John Ambulance Brigade, as a loan for the use of the public. It is understood that it will be housed at the Central Fire Station.

Later, His Excellency distributed a vellum and certificates of thanks to various members of the Finance Committee of the Brigade, and to Mrs. Langley, Hon. Secretary.

His Excellency later mentioned the honour bestowed upon him and Lady Peel by Headquarters. They had created him a Knight of Grace, and Lady Peel a sister of the Order.

In the course of his address to the gathering, His Excellency, after expressing his thanks for the loan of the ambulance, said that one had already been provided, and now this new one had been fully equipped at a cost of over \$4,500, out of general funds. It was intended to provide another for Kowloon.

The service of ambulances had been subject to criticism, and new regulations had been drawn up to make the situation more satisfactory in this respect.

Honours Presentation.

Continuing, His Excellency said: Dr. Ma Luk has been awarded a vellum of thanks in recognition of his services to the Brigade. He was the first member of the reconstituted Finance Committee, and was given the rank of District Officer. He has raised subscriptions, provided for the entertainment of members, and taken a keen and active interest in all Brigade activities.

Certificates of thanks have been awarded to six members. Mrs. Langley joined the Brigade as secretary in 1927, and was given the rank of District (Lady) Officer.

Mr. Kwok Siu-lau is so well known in Hong Kong for his generosity that it would almost seem superfluous to make reference to it. I can only say that he has contributed largely to both Brigade and Divisional funds, and has generously supported all schemes for the expansion of its activities.

The other recipients of certificates of thanks, Messrs. Woo Hay-tong, Ip Lan-chuen, Fung Kong-un, and Tang Shu-kin, have all given notable services to the Brigade.

EUROPEAN FINED.

Car Lamps Not in Good Working Order.

"VERY DIM."

Mr. J. M. Dalziel, of 4, Braemar Terrace, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, for having driven a motor car, the lamps of which were not in proper working order at Shaukiwan Road on June 27 at 9:27 p.m.

In admitting the offence, Mr. Dalziel said that he knew, when he started, the lights were dim, but they might have gone out without him knowing.

Sergeant O'Connor said that when Mr. Dalziel approached him, the lights were all out. Defendant pulled up in twenty yards, and when he switched the lights on they were "very dim."

Mr. Schofield imposed a fine of \$5.

FOREIGNERS IN NANKING.

Nanking, Thursday. Statistics compiled by the Nanking Police Department show the total number of foreigners residing there to be 510 persons; with the Americans trailing a close second.

Of the entire foreign population, 168 are Japanese, 157 Americans, 32 British, 68 Germans, 12 Russians, 7 Koreans, 5 French, 4 Indians, 2 Austrians, 2 Belgians, 2 Canadians, and 2 Dutch.—Canton Sun.

The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company has completed and placed into operation during the past year, the following plant extensions at Tadanag and Warfield: Sling furnishing plant for the recovery of zinc and lead from blast furnace slag; zinc oxide leaching plant; new lead furnace fifty per cent larger than the former standard plant for rolling soft and antimonial sheet lead; offices, warehouses and shops; the first unit of the sulphuric acid plant and the triple sugar-phosphate plant as well as the 50,000-ton fertiliser storage plant.

Work has been started on providing an additional domestic water supply for Vernon. Twenty men are at work on the construction, costing \$48,000.

SOLICITOR CRITICISES FIRE BRIGADE.

Jury and Regulations for Fire Crackers.

GRAVE PUBLIC DANGER.

The enquiry into the Staunton Street fire when 16 lives were lost on June 3, at house of 35, was concluded before Mr. Schofield (Coroner) in the Central Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon. The jury was composed of Mr. H. R. B. Hancock (foreman), Mr. R. E. H. Oliver, and Mr. Li Kam-fat.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong held a watching brief on behalf of Wong Chau-kee, fire cracker merchant, and in addressing the jury said that the fire, to his mind, was due to the house itself with its inadequate wooden staircase.

Commenting upon the work of the Fire Brigade, Mr. Armstrong said that it did not appear to have struck the officer in charge that there might have been someone on the second floor. No doubt the fire was severe but some attempt might have been made to ascertain if anybody was still on the floor.

Beyond asking an onlooker, no steps to ascertain if there was anybody on the floor were taken.

In mentioning the 17 outbreaks of fire involving fire-cracker shops during the past three years, Mr. Armstrong said that it was time some steps were taken to place such businesses under proper control.

Coroner's Comments.

After reviewing the evidence given, the Coroner expressed sympathy with the relatives of those who lost their lives in the fire. He remarked that even if the Fire Brigade officers knew there were people on the second floor of the premises it would have been difficult to effect their rescue. Both the Police and the Fire Brigade, he thought, did as well as could be expected of them under the circumstances.

The Coroner pointed out to the jury that proper supervision and the use of adequate premises for housing fire cracker shops should be recommended.

He could not help feeling that it was an entirely unnecessary risk on the part of Wong Chau-kee to store fire crackers on the first floor when he had a basement to use. It was not only a danger to his own property but a danger to the lives of others; but the Coroner agreed with Mr. Armstrong that there was no criminal evidence against the shop-keeper. If the jury were so disposed they might bring in a rider censuring him.

Jury's Recommendations.

The jury's verdict was as follows:

"Cause of death of Lo Lai-fong—Death caused by asphyxiation and shock from burning.

"Cause of fire—Evidence ambiguous. Probability, fire caused by lighted match dropped in locker on first floor.

"Recommendation—It appears from the evidence given that there are no regulations dealing with the storage or sale of fire-crackers in the Colony, excepting that requiring sellers of fire-crackers to keep goods exposed for sale in a glass-fronted case. Anybody can open a fire-cracker shop and sell fire-crackers anywhere he likes and in any kind of building. This we consider a grave public danger. Strict control of licences for storage and sale of fire-cracker, joss-sticks and joss-ware of all descriptions should be instituted immediately.

"No storage of fire-crackers, joss-sticks, joss-paperware and such articles should be permitted in domestic buildings. No place without concrete doors and staircases and a liberal supply of fire extinguishers and adequate means of escape in case of fire should be granted licences.

"In view of the fact that since November, 1927, to October, 1930, there had been 17 fires involving cracker shops we consider it reprehensible that there are no new and strict regulations enforced. There should be much more stringent Police and Fire Brigade supervision. We emphasize the point that new regulations be brought out without further delay."

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail" of July 10, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/8/6.

Arson for insurance money is suspected in connection with the fire which occurred about 2.15 a.m. in the third floor of No. 13, Stanley Street. The Fire Brigade received a call but on arrival found that the service were not required, the flames having been extinguished by the occupants of the other floors. When the Police entered they found the flat deserted. The floor and furniture had been saturated with kerosene, also a bed mattress, and but for the people in the floors below a fierce blaze would have resulted.

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TRAINING FOR THE TANKS

Recruits Graded on Results.

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS.

Mental and psychological tests to measure mechanical and other ability have been introduced at the Royal Tank Corps Central Schools at Bovington Camp, and have proved invaluable for classifying and grouping recruits according to educational merit. The result provides interesting data.

For some of the men it assures accelerated promotion. Others are relegated to a "lower form." I do not know what place was given to the young Irishman who, in reply to the question: "What is tactics?" said: "Tactics is when ye don't let yer enemy discover that ye're out of ammunition, but just kape on firin'."

Under the old system we invariably had the "awkward squad," embracing various types of mental aptitude. Consequently, training was impeded. Now the psychologists are able fairly accurately to select the man of superior intelligence and place him in a grade some steps above the semi-literate, or the man who is dull and needs special attention.

Mental tests are applied by learning the standard of education acquired by the candidates. The "A" men are those who may be expected to take a First Class Certificate which represents a moderately good education. Those graded "B" have reached a standard of education which will enable them early to qualify for the Second Class Certificate, while the men graded "C" are placed in a lower category.

A few cannot escape a "D" classification, and only the best of them are retained. They are the "heavers of wood and drawers of water." The Tank Corps has little use for these.

New Outlook.

The old Army tradition that the less the soldier knew outside his military work the better no longer obtains. Of the few good things that came out of the late war one was the new outlook on the training of the soldier.

His interest is not now exclusively military. He is given unique opportunities from the first day of joining his unit to prepare for his return to civilian life, and is encouraged to take advantage of them. The old soldier was an automaton. The end of his contract with the State left him in a blind alley. Today the soldier, if he so elects, returns to civil life with a greatly improved education and capable of skilled employment.

Education, to be of practical value must be expended on material that

is capable of absorbing it. This applies alike to military and civil training. On the military side, the introduction of technical units and of a more specialised training generally demands from the soldier a higher standard of education than heretofore. Hence the care now exercised in selection. "Discharged as not likely to make an efficient soldier" is a formula less frequently used on that account.

The object of the education officer is to find out what each man thinks and knows, and to make allowance for the varying capacities in order that the more advanced shall not be retarded by those not so well equipped mentally.

The Tank Corps Centre has obtained excellent results in its mechanical training largely through the new system which obtains there, and from which it has obtained its supply of highly efficient instructors. In the programme of instruction care is taken to avoid a dull presentation of mechanical details. The instructor is also careful to ascertain that no member of his class is left puzzling over something that he does not understand.

Practical instruction. Each lecture room is devoted to one of the principal components of the internal combustion engine, and when the time for "passing out" draws near, the student is given parts to assemble. No man is allowed to drive a tank until he joins his field unit, but on a Tank "Rype" (a driving machine) he is able to acquaint himself to the feel of the gears, etc.

The Driving and Maintenance School is staffed with instructors who have specially distinguished themselves. This School trains instructors, both officers and non-commissioned officers, who come from the field units and are themselves to return to these units as instructors. As far as possible, all teaching is done through the eye by means of sectionised parts of machines and models and the use of the cinematograph.

Of 755 men who passed through the elementary wing in mechanical proficiency, the final grading was 43 "A" (a high standard), 572 "B" (capable of driving and maintenance), while 135 were graded "C." Five were failures. After leaving the Depot and the Driving and Maintenance School, the Tank men go to Lulworth for gunnery. Returning to the Depot for a final "refresher," the trained man joins the crew of a field unit, where he is given greater responsibility. London Morning Post.

THE SHUTTERS OF 113, HIGH HOLBORN.

Tragedy of a Blind Antiques Expert.

SECRET REVEALED.

The dust-coated shutters of Number 113, High Holborn, London, which for seven years have hidden the tragic secret of old Maurice Lyon, silversmith and antique dealer, are not to be raised even now he is dead.

For the shop which he loved so much that he would not leave it for a day after blindness had made it impossible for him to work, is to be the home—for the present, at least—of the two women who were Mr. Lyon's devoted servants for nearly 50 years. That was his deathbed wish.

The two women were with their master when he died in the house which was his home nearly all the 86 years of his life.

Affection for Holborn. Maurice Lyon and his brother Samuel were born in a little house in Holborn which has now disappeared. Their parents had spent most of their lives in Holborn, and both boys inherited a deep affection for the street where their boyhood days were passed. They started business together as silversmiths and antique dealers. It was a modest start, but the brothers worked long hours to build up a business which became famous.

A quarter-of-a-century—and more ago connoisseurs from many parts of the world came to Number 113 to buy the art treasures of the Phoenicians, who were the merchant adventurers of their times, sent galleys from the Mediterranean to buy the metal from the natives of Cornwall in exchange for salt, crockery and brassy ware. The Phoenicians then set up a trade in tin with the Greeks—who, incidentally, were the first to find a name for it. Later, Julius Caesar was led to invade Britain by reports of valuable mineral deposits there, particularly the tin of Cornwall. Traces of Roman engineering have been found in some old workings near St. Just-in-Penwith.

ADVERTISING NEEDED.

Lord Ednam On Maintaining British Prestige.

Viscount Ednam, who recently returned from South America with the Prince of Wales, emphasised the importance of advertising, in a speech in opening a trade and industries exhibition at Dudley.

"This is an age of advertising," he said, "and if we want to maintain our prestige we have to advertise our goods more extensively." Britain was behind her competitors in that respect, and that was one of the reasons why her prestige had declined in foreign markets.

He thought, however, that British business men were at last beginning to realise the value and necessity of advertising, and were becoming more what he described as "exhibition minded." It was no use, however, tackling the problem in a sporadic manner, and they must lay loose a concentrated barrage of publicity.

which the brothers collected in the old-fashioned shop with the long oak counter. Then Samuel Lyon died.

Never Recovered. Maurice carried on the business, but he never really recovered from the shock of Samuel's death. Seven years ago Maurice Lyon found that he was going blind. He fought against it, and still carried on, though he could scarcely see the treasures which filled his showcases. One day he could not see them—and that day he groped his way to the front of the shop and pulled down the bright green shutters.

He sold the treasures—some of them centuries old—and said to his two servants: "This is my home, and I will never leave it. When I die the business dies with me."

From that day Maurice Lyon met few people. Callers were sent away and business men anxious to pay great sums for the shop so desolate in such a valuable site were told that it was not for sale. Legends were woven as the dust grew thicker on the shutters and the letters "M. and S. Lyon" above them. It was said that Mr. Lyon had become a hermit because his wife had died, that he was guarding priceless treasures in the darkness behind the shutters.

His Secret. He never denied them because he wanted his blindness to be a secret known only to himself and the two servants. "My Lyon lived here privately because he knew every inch of the place, and did not want to leave it through his blindness," said the two servants. "He was a bachelor with few friends, and in the last years he took to the shop more and more, and he was always saying that he was staying here for the present, as he was old and blind."

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BRITAIN'S OLDEST INDUSTRY.

From Days of Julius Caesar.

TIN MINING.

Heavy world production of tin has thrown thousands of miners out of work in Cornwall. At St. Just-in-Penwith, 400 men were recently added to the unemployed of the town when the Geevor and the great Levant mines were closed.

St. Just-in-Penwith, centre of Cornwall's tin mining industry, is more picturesque in name than otherwise. A drab little town, set in a stern background of slaty hills and rocky headlands, it has had a checkered career, as full of ups and downs as the famous mine shafts which puncture the countryside all around it, writes a Ceylon Observer correspondent.

More British fortunes have been won and lost in Cornish mines, it is said, than in any other industry.

From Bronze Age. The little mining town has a church dating from the 15th century, but St. Just-in-Penwith is of no great antiquity compared with the tin mines of the district. The tin of Cornwall has been known and worked from the Bronze Age. Tin mining, therefore, is Britain's oldest industry. It might be claimed that the world's first tin came from here, for the "tin" of the Bible corresponds to the Hebrew "bedhil," which is really a copper alloy known as early as 1600 B.C. in Egypt.

The Phoenicians, who were the merchant adventurers of their times, sent galleys from the Mediterranean to buy the metal from the natives of Cornwall in exchange for salt, crockery and brassy ware. The Phoenicians then set up a trade in tin with the Greeks—who, incidentally, were the first to find a name for it. Later, Julius Caesar was led to invade Britain by reports of valuable mineral deposits there, particularly the tin of Cornwall. Traces of Roman engineering have been found in some old workings near St. Just-in-Penwith.

200 Feet Below. The tin mines of St. Just district are unique among man's subterranean activities. St. Just itself is a mile from the sea, but many of the mine heads of the vicinity are close to the rocky shores and their shafts extend under the ocean bed for considerable distances. The Levant mine, for instance, has a gallery more than 2,000 feet below sea level which bores under the Atlantic Ocean to a point a half a mile from the shore. Workings at a higher level in this great burrow, which produced both copper and tin, go out double that distance.

Not far from St. Just, too, is the ill-fated Wheal-Owies Mine, where water broke through the upper galleries a few years ago, drowning twenty miners who were trapped in a lower level. The water has never been pumped out.

Quaint Names. Many of the Cornish mines have quaint names, among them the "Wheal Cupboard," the "Ding Dong" (said to have been worked long before the Christian era), the "Consols" and the "Ale and Cakes" mines.

In the town of St. Just is a circular Enclosure, called the "Plane an Gwarry," which was the scene of an ancient Cornish miracle play, wrestling and other sports. It is similar to the grassy pit at Redruth, another tin mining town where John Wesley once preached to the miners. Methodists still hold open air meetings in the Redruth Amphitheatre, with 10,000 or more people gathering at one time.

St. Just is easily located on the map. It is but a mile inland from Cape Cornwall, a bold headland which arises 200 feet above the sea.

U.S. Consumption. For many years the mines of Cornwall enjoyed a virtual monopoly of the world tin trade. Saxony and Bohemia, being the chief rivals. Then tin was found in the Federated Malay States, Bolivia, the Dutch East Indies and Nigeria—to-day the chief producers. Last year some 150,000 tons of the metal was produced, almost half going to the United States, which itself does not produce tin in commercial quantities.

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CLUTCHING HAND.

European Lady in Kowloon Incident.

A SMART CAPTURE.

A case of bag snatching from a European lady occurred at about 8.30 p.m. yesterday at the junction of Nathan Road and Austin Road.

As a sequel a Chinese youth, Cheung Lam, was charged with the offence at the Kowloon Police Court this morning.

It appears that Mrs. Ramskill, of 3, Gun Club Hill, was waiting for the bus at the corner of Jordan Road when the accused approached from the rear and made an attempt to snatch her hand bag, which contained \$5 in money and sundry articles. Fortunately the lady held on to the bag, and the youth bolted along Austin Road, where he was caught by a European and handed over to the Police.

Mr. Hamilton remanded the youth until to-morrow morning, when he will be sentenced.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.12 1/2
New York	4.86 21/32
Brussels	34.08
Geneva	25.08
Amsterdam	12.03 1/2
Milan	92.95 1/2
Berlin	20.50 1/2
Stockholm	18.14 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Prague	164.4
Helsingfors	198.94
Oslo	16.18 1/2
Vienna	34.78 1/2
Madrid	52.15
Lisbon	100%
Athens	87.5
Bucharest	817.5
Rio	8.21/32
Buenos Aires	36.19/16
Montevideo	20.5
Bombay	17.5 1/2
Shanghai	17.5 1/2
Hong Kong	17.5 1/2
Yokohama	17.5 1/2
Singapore	17.5 1/2
Silver Spot	17.5 1/2

KIDSTON'S CRASH.

Too Heavy Luggage Alleged at Inquiry.

CONFLICTING STORIES.

Was Lieutenant-Commander Glen Kidston's Puss Moth, in which he and Captain Gladstone met their deaths, overloaded?

"Come and see the luggage he has got and — sea chest with him," said Captain Gladstone to a ground engineer at Johannesburg aerodrome before the flight.

The latter told Captain Gladstone that it was too heavy, but Lieutenant-Commander Kidston declared he was tired of touring with only a small suitcase, and in any event the chest weighed less than a man.

"I could not argue with him," added the engineer before the court of inquiry at Harri Smith. The chest was accordingly loaded.

Eye witnesses of the disaster told conflicting stories of the height of the machine, but all agreed that the wing parted in mid-air. Local farmers described the conflicting winds of the district, sometimes blowing north, south, east and west in one day.

The owner of the machine admitted that it had an accident at Salisbury at Christmas, when it struck a telegraph wire. The repairing engineer admitted that he had not opened the wing and examined the inside as no external damage was apparent.

Recently the Civil Air Board ordered all Puss Moths to be modified before mid-July, and all in the country were done except the one Lieutenant-Commander Kidston used.

"I definitely believe that the wing broke in mid-air owing to the inherent weakness of the unmodified Puss Moth, and unusually severe weather," said Colonel Vanderspy, second in command of the South African Air Force. He added that there had been an exactly similar crash in West Australia, after which the Australian Air Board suspended all Puss machines until they had been modified.

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LOSS OF A FAMOUS PICTURE.

Recalled by Death of Mr. C. Agnew.

MANY FAMOUS DEALS.

The loss, 55 years ago, of a famous Gainsborough portrait, and its romantic recovery 26 years later, are recalled by the death, at the age of 75, of Mr. Charles Morland Agnew, one-time member of the well-known firm of Bond Street art dealers, Messrs. Thomas Agnew and Sons.

He was the second son of the late Sir William Agnew, and was educated at Rugby School and Trinity College, Cambridge. In September, 1881, he married Evelyn Mary, daughter of William Naylor, of Paddington.

He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1918 for his service in the "wounded and missing" department of the Red Cross Society during the War. Mr. Agnew retired from the fine art business about 1914. His son, Mr. Charles Gerald Agnew, is an active member of Messrs. Thomas Agnew and Sons, who have been associated with many famous picture deals.

Mr. Charles Morland Agnew's death recalls the theft from Agnew's Bond Street Galleries of Gainsborough's portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire. It was in May, 1876, that this famous portrait was cut out of its frame, within three weeks of Messrs. Agnew having paid over \$10,000 for it in the Wynn Ellis sale at Christie's.

A large reward was offered for its recovery, and every "crook" in London was questioned. Its recovery in Chicago 26 years later, was due to William Pinkerton, of the famous New York detective agency. The thief turned out to be a notorious American, Adam Worth, known in Britain as "Harry Raymond."

Worth later fell on evil days and was persuaded by an old friend, who was in league with the Pinkerton's, to disclose the hiding-place of the "Duchess," but this he would not do until he was guaranteed immunity from prosecution and the means to end his days in comfort.

It was in March, 1901, that Mr. Charles Morland Agnew went to America to pay the reward and receive the stolen picture. Worth died a year later, and the picture was afterwards sold to J. Pierpont Morgan for \$30,000.

Winning Poster



The above picture is a reproduction of the prize-winning poster in the contest recently organized by the Canadian Pacific Express Company, among its employees, for vehicle poster designs and is to be seen displayed on the sides of its carts and trucks throughout Canada, today. The artist is E. Hausmann, clerk in the financial department, Toronto, who headed a list of 738 suggestions sent in by 264 employees to T. E. McDonnell, president of the company.

MOTHER GOES TO JAIL.

She Took Her 7 Children with Her and So

NOT AN ORPHANAGE!

Mme. Servon was sentenced to 20 days' imprisonment at Brive Prison, and she turned up at the warder's lodge bringing with her seven children, whose ages range from eight years to two months. The gatekeeper expostulated. He had been 14 years at that prison, he said, and this was the first time an attempt had been made to turn it into an orphanage.

Mme. Servon replied that she was ready to do her 20 days, but she must look after her children.

After a good deal of consultation the governor called up headquarters and learned that Mme. Servon's sentence had been suspended under the First Offenders Act.

By this time it was getting dark, so Mme. Servon and the children were allowed to spend the night in the prison after all.

Canadian bond sales to date amount to \$245,233,370, as compared with \$191,969,321 for the corresponding period of last year and \$140,814,686 for that of 1929. Purchases by Canadian financial houses amounted to \$168,245,970, while American firms took \$72,899,000 and British \$4,100,000.

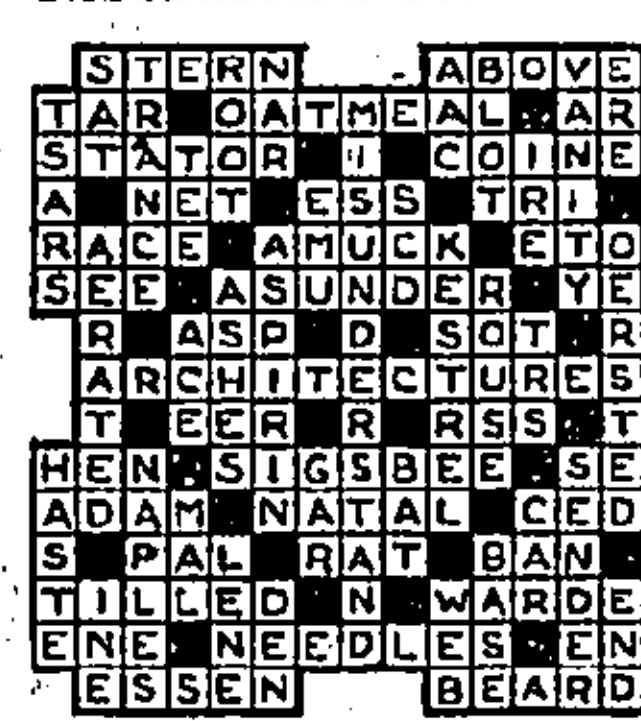
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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:—
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S. LACK,
Manager.

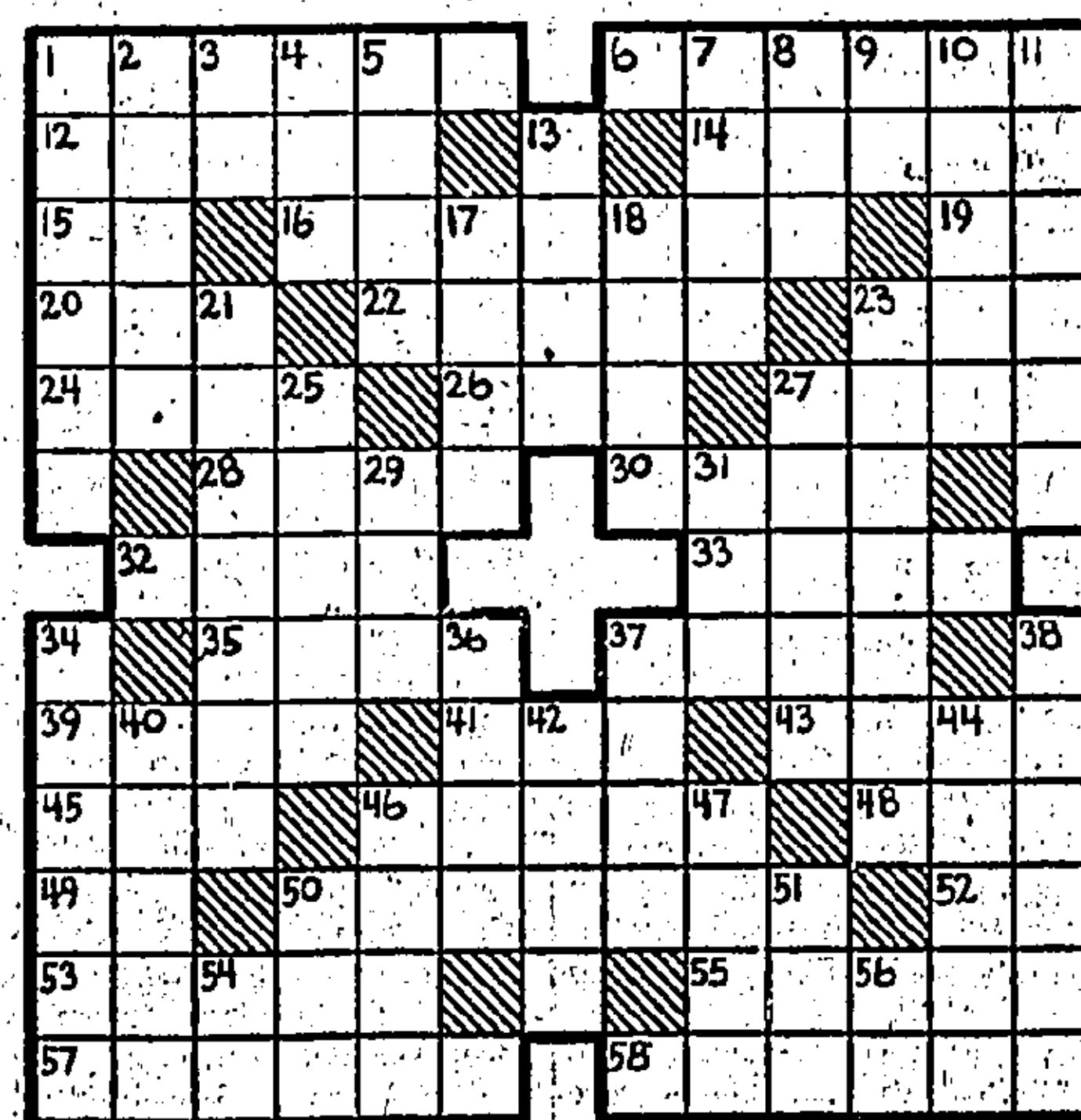
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1—Ignitable material

2—Aries

3—Beautify

4—Anxious

5—Pronoun

6—Produced

7—Depart

8—A dance

9—To become empty

10—Move swiftly

11—Girl's name

12—Open (Poet)

13—To assume an attitude

14—A flower

15—Appear

16—Heavenly body

17—A fruit

18—A plant

19—To strip off the skin

20—Self

21—Combining form

22—To elect

23—To elect

24—Manda

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

25—An eagle

26—A had (Contr.)

27—Accented

28—Indefinite article

29—Kingdom between

30—Tibet and India

31—The nest of an eagle

32—Searched uncertainly

33—A sum total

34—Feminine name

35—Point of compass

36—One of the seasons

37—Quarrels

38—A fountain

39—A short poem

40—Sea-ruck

41—The larva of an insect

42—A small valley

43—A crack

44—Fluid of plants

45—God (Latin)

46—Italian River

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Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI MING	SAT. 11th	MON. 13th	TUES. 14th	WED. 15th
TAI HING	TUES. 14th	FRI. 17th	SAT. 18th	SUN. 19th
TAI MING	FRI. 17th	SUN. 19th	MON. 20th	TUES. 21st
TAI HING	MON. 20th	WED. 22nd	THURS. 23rd	FRI. 24th
TAI MING	WED. 22nd	FRI. 24th	SAT. 25th	SUN. 26th
TAI HING	SAT. 25th	MON. 27th	TUES. 28th	WED. 29th
TAI MING	TUES. 28th	THURS. 30th	FRI. 31st	SAT. 1st
TAI HING	FRI. 31st	SUN. 2nd	MON. 3rd	TUES. 4th

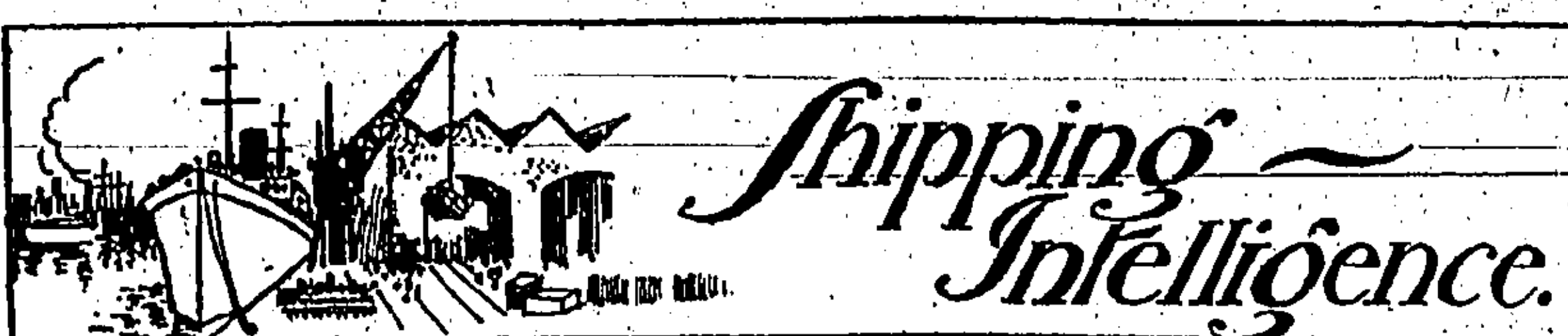
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Tian via S'ow & S'hai	KWANSANG	Sun. 19th July at 10 a.m.
Tian via S'ow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Wed. 22nd July at 10 a.m.
Tian via S'ow & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Sun. 28th July at 10 a.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	SUISANG	Fri. 10th July at 3 p.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Sat. 23rd July at 3 p.m.
Oake via Amoy, Shanghai, KUTSANG		Sat. 18th July at 7 a.m.
Oake via Amoy & Kobe	ROSANG	Tues. 28th July at 7 a.m.
Oake via Amoy, Molai	YUENSANG	Wed. 5th Aug. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	YUSANG	Fri. 17th July at Noon
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sun. 19th July at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Fri. 24th July at Noon
Tientsin via Swatow	CHIPEHANG	Tues. 14th July at 7 a.m.
Tientsin via S'ow & S'hai	CHONGSHING	Sun. 20th July at 7 a.m.

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WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	July July
West River at Shihing	29.4
North River at Samsul	7.8
North River at Tsingyuen	20.2 18.0
East River at Shihing	8.0 6.6
The level at Tsingyuen on July 6	was 15.5 feet.
The highest levels recorded are:—Shihing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samsul, 27.3 feet; Shihing, 11.5 feet.	
The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samsul and minus 2.7 feet at Shihing.	

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—West wall.
Caradoc—North wall.
Moorhen—South Wall.
Odin—East wall.
Otus—East wall.
Seraph—North arm.
Seraph—North arm.
Stormcloud—North arm.
Tamar—Basin.
Foreign.
Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.
Mindanao—American gunboat.
Regulus—French sloop.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, July 8.
Haidis, British str., 1,144 tons, Captain W. Lee, from Hoihow, buoy No. C6.—Wo Fat Sing.
Mirzapore, British str., 4,135 tons, Captain M. P. Smith, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—M. M. & Co.

Thursday, July 9.
Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. C6.—M.M.
Chungking, British str., 1,210 tons, Captain F. A. Lovegrove, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Foo Lee, Chinese str., 859 tons, Capt. M. Tanida, from Canton, buoy No. C2.—Shun Tai Hong.
Gemma, Dutch str., 5,239 tons, Capt. P. Brouwer, from Shanghai, buoy No. A8.—J.C.J.L.
Helenus, British str., 4,810 tons, Captain Davis, from Manila, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Hong Kheng, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore buoy No. A10.—Ho Thong & Co.
Isar, German str., 5,635 tons, Capt. H. Hild, from Singapore, buoy No. A15.—Melchers & Co.
Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. A. I. Summerfield, from Amoy, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Machao, British str., 4,908 tons, Capt. C. J. Watson, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Santos Maru, Japanese str., 1,834 tons, Capt. Y. Yoshikawa, from Canton buoy No. B19.—D.K.K.
Suzanne, Norwegian str., 1,444 tons, Capt. J. Meyer, from Canton, passing—Doddwell & Co.
Yuan Lee, Chinese str., 1,661 tons, Capt. A. Knudde, from Swatow, buoy No. B16.—Yuen Seng Fat.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

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TRAIN FERRIES.

English Channel Proposal.

From the Service point of view there is considerable interest in the news that the project for a train ferry across the English Channel at its narrowest part is now making excellent progress. For some time past the Southern Railway has been watching the results of the Great Eastern Train Ferries, which brings in an enormous quantity of Italian foodstuffs, and has decided that a through service is of great advantage to themselves. Other interests have been at work on the same scheme and it would now appear likely that the railway will amalgamate with them and get things under way without any undue delay.

The war proved the immense value of a train ferry service for the transport of munitions and artillery, while it must not be forgotten that the Germans found their big train ferries which normally ran to Sweden extraordinary useful auxiliary minelayers, the long railway deck being ideal for the purpose and only requiring a second rail laid alongside each existing one to make them perfect for the purpose.

PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. Empress of Japan on July 10:—
D. MacDonald, A. Sullivan, Dr. O. R. Cansey, K. Kastmann, Miss E. Brune, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roles, Miss E. Alves, Miss C. Alves, C. S. Atwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Beatty and son, S. D. Begg, J. P. Braga, R. E. Desai, Miss V. Desai, R. T. Down, C. E. Horsman, S. S. Jenkins, T. L. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Lokan, Dr. G. E. Mason, E. Molines, Mrs. J. Ormliston, E. G. Renton, Miss W. L. Taylor, Mr. J. P. Wolston, Mrs. R. M. Milne, C. G. Copley, A. H. Bray, B. S. Heera, W. R. Hutchison, O. Ozorio, F. F. Sequeira.
Per s.s. Taiping from Australia via ports on July 10:—
Mrs. L. A. Bellair, Miss S. Bellair, Miss E. Bellair, Emiliano Bernaldes, Paul Clements, Mr. Denovan, J. H. McEachern, Mrs. M. Garrett, G. V. Heath, H. H. Hole, Mr. and Mrs. F. Marquet, Miss M. Pritchard, Miss G. Richards, Miss E. Sullivan, G. Wise, Miss E. Wise.

H.M.S. LONDON.

A deputation from the Freeman of the City of London visited Portsmouth to make a presentation of plate to H.M.S. London on her return from Madeira. The deputation with the Beadle in his picturesque hat and robe and carrying his silver-headed mace, were received by Captain H. M. Burrough and the officers of the ship on the Quarter Deck, where the presentation was made before the ship's company. The gift consisted of a Georgian silver salver, decorated with heavy vine-leaf and grape border with massive scroll feet; and a fruit bowl designed on the same lines, the body being finely pierced. Both pieces of plate are engraved with the arms of the Guild and an inscription.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The B.I. s.s. Tilawa left Singapore for this port on July 9, p.m., and is due here on July 14, p.m.

MARINERS WARNED.

Bombing Practices in the Straits.

For information of mariners, the following notices forwarded by the Singapore harbour authorities are posted at the Harbour Office.

The first relates to bombing practices which are to be carried out this month and gives the following particulars:—

Position.—The target will be moored off the Royal Air Force Base at Seletar in Lat. 1 deg. 25 min. 49 sec. N. and Long. 103 deg. 52 min. 26 sec. E.

Description.—A target consisting of a wooden framework 16 feet square which will float flush with the surface of the sea but will have in its centre a pole 12½ feet in height. This pole will carry a red flag by day and a white light by night.

Remarks.—The following warning action will be carried out by the R.A.F. authorities when bombing is taking place:—

(a) A red flag will be hoisted on the flagstaff at the end of the jetty by the seaplane slipway at the R.A.F. Base.
(b) R.A.F. motor-boats carrying red flags will patrol the area to the N.W. and S.E. to warn shipping.

(c) Dan buoys painted in red and yellow vertical stripes will be established to mark the southern edge of the deep water channel at the eastern and western ends of the range area. These buoys will be lifted after bombing has ceased.

(d) When bombing is taking place all shipping should pass on the northern side of the two dan buoys quoted in (c) above.

Tanjong Katong Light-Buoy.
The other notice states that on or about July 14 and without further notice, the colour of the Tanjong Katong Light-buoy group flashing light will be changed from white to green.

Position.—At the southern apex of the triangular "Cables Prohibited Anchorage" and at the northern corner of "Eastern Explosives Anchorage" at a distance of 9.7 cables 141 deg. from the white obelisk situated close westward of Tanjong Katong Lat. 1 deg. 17 min. N. Long 103 deg. 54 min. E. (approximately).

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

July 10 to 16, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
	Time	Height
July	6-nd Times	ft. Stand-rd Times
July 10	05 05 4.9	11 40 1.7
July 11	05 04 4.3	11 30 2.0
July 12	05 04 3.7	11 20 2.3
July 13	05 04 3.1	11 10 2.6
July 14	05 04 2.5	11 00 2.9
July 15	05 04 1.9	10 50 3.2
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Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	Dec. 7
Empress of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 10	Dec. 12	Dec. 20
Empress of Russia	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 23	Dec. 26	Jan. 4

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CHANGTAP	July 18	July 20	July 22	Aug. 8
TAIPING	July 25	July 27	July 29	Aug. 15
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absent from the screen, and in
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lender, wife of a millionaire—Phil
Plant, who adorned the most ex-
clusive Continental resorts. She
quipped it wherever she appeared,
for Constance Bennett is brainy,
beautiful and cultured. Now she
has embarked on another triumph;
that is the only word in which to
describe this attractive young
woman's return to the screen.
Daughter of Richard Bennett, one
of the most famous actors on the
American stage, both sisters Joan
and Barbara almost as famous,
but Constance is the most inter-
esting and certainly the cleverest.
She ran away at college and mar-
ried a fellow student, but the
marriage was quickly annulled by
her parents.

Their Real Love.
By the bye, the Mother comes
from a long line of theatrical
people, so there was not much
chance of keeping the girls from
the stage. They were sent abroad
to study, but all returned to their
real love—the theatre. Constance
tried this so-called successful mar-
riage for four years, then divorced
him (Plant) and received a cool
million as alimony. Returned to
Hollywood with the most gorgeous
clothes—and HOW that girl CAN
wear clothes! signed to Pathe,
now Fox, and is proving one of
the biggest Box-Office attractions
throughout the world to-day. This
play in which we see the beautiful
lady is destined to be a real hit.

An Old Story.
It's an old story made up to
date, and now the heroine is host-
ess in a "Speak-easy," when the
place is raided, she is arrested.
The judge aids her in finding work
(honest) as a maid in a wealthy
home. There she finds the condi-
tions demoralising. She falls in
love with the boy of the House.

It makes a strong appeal, and is
brilliantly played by the star with
Lew Ayres (of "The Kiss," and
"All Quiet") in support. A kind
of Madame X plot but I won't give
the story away—but must assure
you that Fox have a winner in it
all-right. You may think Lew
rather conventional in an un-
grateful role, and perhaps you will
weep when Beryl Mercer appears
in the witness stand, but taken all
together Constance is the whole
show—NOT that I think she is the
type to be led astray by a boy
home from College—still, as I said
before—it is a sure-fire hit, and I
for one want to see the sweet lady
in everything she plays. (Queen's)
"Common Clay."

"Men on Call."
"Men on Call" with the ever
famous "Sex you, sex me," Edmund
Lowe, also famous as the husband
of the glorified American girl—
Lillian Tashman—is not given great
opportunities in this play where
as an engine-driver trying to for-
get a show girl, he enlists as a
coast-guard. The little girl—Mae
Clark is good, not a beauty, but
can act. Perhaps the humour of
Joe Brown is your style, and
Sharon Lynn can be quite good if
not called upon to do too much.
You may like it. (King's).

For those who adore mystery—I
can vouch for "Dracula," being all
the thrill they want. It is creepy
to the 9th degree. Bela Lugosi
fixes his victim with hypnotic eyes
and everyone in the audience says
"OH." According to Lugosi, women
love horror—if they do they will
not miss this play. Helen Chan-
dler is good in her part, as the
girl who is abducted as one of the
vampires' victims. David Manners
is her rescuing sweetie. It is
among the best mystery melo-
dramas, because it is more out-
landish than the others. I am told
it is coming shortly to the Cen-
tral.

"Gentleman's Fate."
I hear John Gilbert has master-
ed the "Mike," and that we shall

Honours are shared with Louis
Volheim (his last picture before
his death) who gives a flawless
performance as the tough brother
whose tenderness cannot be
hidden. Two blondes, Lella
Hymns and Anita Page, do their
work tearfully and "appealingly."
Marie Prevost and George Cooper
are the comedy duo. Tense drama,
dealing with the fate of a wealthy
man who suddenly discovers he is
the son of a racketeer. Mervyn
Le Roy does some super directorial
work, and adds to the suspense of
the picture. (Queen's).

"Hell Harbour."
If you are tired of court-room
"sobbies" and underworld gang-
sters then be sure and see "Hell
Harbour"—drama-mounted in a
superb setting with beautiful
photography. Descendants of
pirates are the inhabitants of Hell
Harbour headed by the renegade
grandson of Sir Henry Morgan,
who tries to marry his daughter
to the local Shylock. Lupe Velez
has a role that fits her like a
glove. I like this little girl's act-
ing. Many have tried to take away
the crown she put on her own
head, when she made her part so
outstanding in her first appearance
in "The Gaucho." This little
Mexican spitfire more than holds
her own. John Holland does not
count for much as the hero—but
Jean Hersholt is most convincing
—he seldom is anything else.
Worth seeing. (World and Star).

I wonder how often you hear
this remark when you leave a
theatre where some of your Brit-
ons have been in the lead—"OH,
isn't it a treat to hear the deligh-
ful-cultured English accent?" I
wonder HOW many of these same
people will give the credit where
it is due. America's training, and
initiation to the screen's mystic art
—that makes these Britons
world-wide successes. Let me
mention a few, just a few of those
who OWE so much to America.



Dorothy Mackail.

Charles Chaplin, Dorothy Mackail,
Ronald Colman, Mary Forbes,
Ralph Forbes, Reginald Denny,
Walter Byron, Paul Cavanagh,
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McLaglen, George Arliss, George
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Lloyd, Beryl Mercer, Stan Laurel,
Fred Kerr, Lumsden Hare, John
Garrick, Maureen O'Sullivan, Jack
Buchanan, etc. Of late so many
of the loyal Britons who are
anxious to support Home indus-
tries, have demanded MORE Brit-
ish films—I wonder if they read
the slating remarks in the Home
newspapers about the stuff turned
out by the British Studios.

They have not yet started where
America has left off—direction,
continuity writing, lighting, stag-
ing, photography, and above all—
they will persist in making Film
Stars of the best-known stage ac-
tors and actresses. The screen is
worlds apart in technique from
the stage.

Edna Best (who ran away from
Hollywood, because she feared she
would not be any good, as she
wrote), Herbert Marshall, Owen
Nares, Gerald du Maurier, and
countless others may be quite good
at the Haymarket, or Wyndham's,
but on the screen they do NOT
cause any sensation. I recently
saw a picture (I hope NO theatre
will be so ill-advised as to hire it)
"Loose Ends" with Edna Best and
Owen Nares.

To my way of thinking the whole
cast could be compared with the
Middleton-On-Spish Amateur.
The beautiful-cultured voices of
the women became so monotonous
that on all sides there was ribald
laughter, and I overheard more
than one person say—"if there are
typical of England's best voices,
what give us the so-called Ameri-
can (DORIS) and (WANG) of the
Norma Shearer, Nanny Carroll

Ruth Chatterton, Phillips Holmes,
Ina Claire, John Barrymore, Fred
March, Eleanor Boardman, etc.,
etc. Ask the Australians, the
Canadians, the South Africans, ask
for the truth—loyalty aside—I am



Ruth Chatterton.

stating FACTS. I am giving
proof.

"Plunder."
I know ALL the pictures turned
out from America are not rated at
One Hundred per cent—but their
worst beats Britain's best.
A continuous procession of loyal
Taipans and lesser lights filled the
King's when the best British Film
up-to-date was shown—"Rookery
Nook." It was merely the show at
the Aldwych, transferred to the
screen with the two best light-
comedy actors at their best. Light-
ing bad, staging gave the idea they
were cramped for space. Too
many close-ups of faces that could
not stand such an angle from the
camera.

Mrs. Lynn is quite sweet, but—
pretty at a distance. Mary
Brough the best of the women.
The two leads, as they are, at
their London address—always
good, most amusing. They will
probably be as good in "Plunder"
—and I hope they fill the Central
Theatre.

A few critics said that Murnau
had left a lasting memory in
"Tabu." I think W. S. Van Dyke
has given us something better in
"The Pagan." There is no com-
parison in the story, acting and
scenery. Van Dyke picked on a
bit of Heaven where Nature is
the Pagan's only god. No one
misses the dialogue, and Ramon
Novarro sings "The Pagan's Love
Song" delightfully. The cast of
four was excellent, I am surprised
that little Dorothy Janis is not
given more chances—she should be
given some of the parts taken by
Dorothy Jordan, Renee Adoree
and Donald Crisp—not forgetting
the handsome star—treat us to an
enjoyable evening. It is what I
call a GEM. (World.)

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Estelle Taylor chosen to play
opposite Ronald Colman in "The
Unholy Garden." Charlotte Green-
wood, shortly to be seen with Bus-



Buster Keaton.

ter Keaton is a screamingly funny
comedy, "Parlor, Bed-room and
Bath" is to play opposite Eddie
Cantor in "Palmy Days." You will
like Charlotte, long, lanky, and
funny. Rumour has it that John
Barrymore will not have the role
he is so keen to play, his greatest
success in the Movies. "Jekyll
and Hyde"—Fredric March has
been given the chance. In Gloria
Swanson's newest play, she has
chosen the male lead from the
stage success—Mervyn Douglas—
titled "To-night or Never." Sounds
exciting! Ina Claire has been
loaned to R.K.O. for "Folly." Also
to do "The Greeks had a name for
it," which Norma Talmadge was
crazy to play. Good breaks com-
ing. Mary Astor aged twenty-five,
threatens retirement from the
screen at twenty-eight, when she
will have sufficient money for her
desires. Gary Cooper and Carole
Lombard co-starring. Mae Clark
is now a STAR at Columbia.
Jennette MacDonald, the Star, sup-
ported by Victor McLaglen in "Two
Can Play." Anna Q. Nilsson now
walking without a crutch—a mar-
vellous recovery. Mae Marsh
playing the role of the Mother in
"Over the Hill" for Fox.

Overland China Mail.

A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

Following upon the disagreement and subsequent dis-
charge of the jury at the first trial of a Chinese charged
with murder, the second hearing, with a new jury, com-
menced at the Assizes. Counsel for the defence again
strongly criticised the medical evidence for the Crown, sug-
gesting that the post-mortem examination had not been
carried through with the requisite care and detail. This
suggestion was emphatically denied by the medical witness.
A full report appears in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL also contains a complete
account of the opening of the new Science Building
at St. Stephen's College, Stanley, including the text
of a striking speech by the Colonial Secretary (the
Hon. Mr. Wilfrid T. Southern, C.M.G.), as to the place of
science in education and in general esteem.

A sensational case of amok is reported in the
OVERLAND CHINA MAIL, the perpetrator being an inmate
of the Mental Hospital, who wounded four people before he
eventually collapsed and died. The affair remains a mystery.

The annual report of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated
Hospitals shows certain decreases, due primarily to the
effect of the drop in Hong Kong exchange, but the record
of good work continues. The text appears in the
OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The Summer sporting season in Hong Kong is now
in full swing, with aquatic galas, and matches in the Lawn
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SHAKESPEARE IN
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Theatre.

OPERA SEASON EXTENDED.

The first season of Shakespeare
at Sadler's Wells—North London's
People's Theatre—was so popular
that extension of the opera sea-
son was arranged.

Miss Lillian Baylis who, in spite
of an operation and a motor ac-
cident, has successfully presided
over the joint fortunes of the Old
Vic and Sadler's Wells during the
past season, said that her faith in
opening a theatre for Shakespeare
and opera in North London had
been justified. "Our audience
have steadily been getting bigger,"
she said, "and although there is
still room for more people in the
theatre, everyone is satisfied with
the headway we have made during
our first season. We are faced
with a loss; but if only I could
persuade another thousand people
to come each week, many of my
troubles would be at an end."

Rusell and "King Lear."
Many members of our audience
had never been to a theatre be-
fore Sadler's Wells was opened.

Miss Baylis continued. "One man
did not even know what booking a
seat meant. Another, who had
never been inside a theatre in his
life, asked me if I could tell him
whether it was better to see a
play from upstairs or downstairs.
As at the Old Vic, we are collect-
ing a band of faithful enthusiasts,
who come time after time to see
each production. One elderly man
confessed to me that he had seen
every performance of our produc-
tion of "King Lear," because he
liked blood-thirsty plays."

Miss Baylis's enterprise in open-
ing Sadler's Wells has benefited
not only the ordinary residents in
North London who have not had a
theatre of their own since the
days of Phelps, but also the for-
eign colony in Clerkenwell. Large
numbers of Italians live in the
neighbourhood, and they come
night after night to the Italian
operas, which they have never
been able to afford to see before.
Even visitors from Russia some-
times find their way to Sadler's
Wells. "A number of members of
a Russian Trade Delegation, who
were in London for a few days,
attended the performance of "King
Lear." They were anxious to see
this play, it was declared, de-
spite the fact that the Italian
opera, which they have never
before, did show any desire to
mix with the proletariat in the pit
and gallery, and instead occupied
seats in the dress circle.

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CHINESE CONSULATE INTACT.

Report of Its Destruction Disbelieved.

SEOUL NOW QUIET.

Tokyo, To-day.
Nothing is known officially or unofficially of the destruction of the Chinese Consulate in Seoul. On the contrary, the latest despatches indicate that the situation is quieting, and, therefore, the report is disbelieved.

Earlier News.
Peking, Yesterday.
According to unconfirmed Chinese despatches, a Korean mob again attacked, and sacked and destroyed the Chinese Consulate at Seoul, inflicting casualties on 500 Chinese who were taking refuge there.

The Chinese Consul-General, Mr. Chang Wei-cheng, has taken refuge in the office of the Governor-General of Korea.

Chinese Retaliating.
Tokyo, Yesterday.
Although the general situation appears to be improving, numerous cases of Chinese retaliating against Koreans are reported in Antung.

The situation in Fusan appears still to be critical and a number of clashes have occurred in the streets. Fourteen Koreans have been arrested.

Early this morning a Korean mob of nine hundred, taking advantage of the shortage of police, stormed Chinese piecegoods shops and a restaurant on Maklesima Island, opposite Fusan, destroyed the furniture and threw the piecegoods into the street.

The police are reported to believe that Communist activity is behind the outrages. Scores of suspects have been arrested.

The Chinese killed at Pingyang number 88, and in other places 11, according to the latest official despatch.

Press despatches report that several Japanese organisations in Korea are planning relief for the Chinese sufferers, while the officials of Heianando province and Pingyang city have decided to contribute a percentage of their salaries to the fund.—Reuter.

NEW CHAIRMAN.

Successor to Late Sir Hugh Bell.

Rugby, Yesterday.
At a meeting of the Directors of Dorman, Long and Company, the famous engineering firm which has fulfilled large contracts in many parts of the world, Mr. Charles Mitchell was elected Chairman in succession to the late Sir Hugh Bell.—British Wireless Service.

MISSED HIS SHIP.

American Stranded in Colony.

Edward Lee Baker (24), an American subject, appeared before Mr. Williams this morning charged with being a vagrant in the Colony. He admitted the offence.

Det. Sergeant C. Mottram said that Baker had missed his ship, the Tacoma, but the agents were arranging to have him placed on another ship by July 17. Meanwhile, he would ask for an order of committal to the House of Detention.

This was granted by the Magistrate.

One non-Chinese case of typhoid fever was notified yesterday, also one Chinese case of diphtheria.

LABOUR MEETS WITH NEW OPPOSITION.

Lords Reject Clauses of Reform Bill.

PLURAL VOTING.

London, Yesterday.
The Government's Electoral Reform Bill threatens to emerge from the hands of the House of Lords severely tattered. Their Lordships to-night struck out a clause which abolishes the business premises qualification, with the exception of the City of London, and rejected a clause to abolish plural voting and remove restriction on the use of motor cars at Parliamentary elections.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Nanking, To-day.
Mr. C. T. Wang announced this morning that the situation in Korea was now under control according to official reports and no more serious rioting was occurring.

The Minister stated that the Japanese Government had expressed profound regret for the anti-Chinese riots and assured the Nanking Government that every effort would be made to prevent further disturbances.

The Nanking Government is instructing the Chinese Ambassador in Tokyo to proceed to Korea and investigate the conditions and report personally to Nanking.

Mr. Wang stated that the Wangpaoshan incident being of a local character, would be settled by the Kichin Provincial Government.—Reuter.

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL SEQUEL.

Mussolini's First Shot in Reply.

ORDER BY GOVERNMENT.

Rome, Yesterday.
Signor Mussolini's first shot in reply to the recent Papal Encyclical was fired to-day, with the issue to the Federal Secretaries of the Fascist Party of an order issued "by the Government and Duce," declaring that from to-day membership of the Fascist Party and membership of organisations depending from the Catholic Action Party, is irreconcilable.—Reuter.

[Signor Mussolini himself was indicted in all but name, and the Fascist oath condemned, as illicit, in a vigorous encyclical in which the Pope, in detail, defended the disbanded Catholic Action organisation, on July 4.

The Pontiff declared that the charges against the organisation were merely a pretext to tear away the young from the organisation and the Church. "This view is made all the more explicit by one who not only represents all, but can do all, and confirms it in official and semi-official publications dedicated to the young. We cannot be grateful to one who, after abolishing Socialism and anti-religious organisations, permitted them to be generally readmitted, and made them stronger and more dangerous, since they now are secret and are protected by a new uniform."

BANDIT OUTRAGE IN SHEUNG SHUI.

Carpenter Returns from Captivity.

NO NEWS OF MERCHANT.

More light is thrown on the sensational bandit outrage, which occurred at Sheungshui in the New Territories in the early hours of yesterday, when 24 men, armed with rifles and revolvers, made an attack on the recently constructed residence of Mr. Foo Chung-tak, a retired merchant, who took up residence there only a day before the outrage.

It will be recalled that after threatening the inmates, the robbers fled in an unknown direction, taking with them Mr. Foo, Mr. Lau Siu-ping, his son-in-law, and a carpenter.

Demand for Ransom.

News circulated at Police Headquarters to-day is to the effect that the carpenter returned from captivity yesterday. The Police are anxious to take a statement from him, so as to give them a possible guide as to what route the brigands took in their flight. Nothing is known of the merchant and his son-in-law as yet, but there is the likelihood of a demand being made by the robbers for ransom.

The loot that they decamped with is estimated at a little over \$4,000 in value.

Mr. Foo had resided in Hong Kong since the end of last year.

VALUABLE RUG.

Fetches 2,100 Guineas at Sale Room.

Rugby, Yesterday.
At Christie's sale rooms to-day a 16th century Persian rug was sold for 2,100 guineas and a Persian carpet of the same period fetched 3,800 guineas.—British Wireless Service.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The typhoon W. of the Ballintang Channel has filled up. The depression N. W. of Hanoi has deepened.

Forecast:—S.E. winds; moderate; fair to showery.

Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at 11.35 a.m.:—

Typhoon in about 115 degrees Long. E. 20 degrees Lat. N. moving W.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.77 inch. Total since January 1—38.84 inches against an average of 42.82 inches—deficit 3.88 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	80
Macao	79
Pratas Island	83
Manila	77
Foochow	82
Amoy	83
Chefoo	70
Shanghai	77

The C. A. Parsons Manufacturing Company of Britain, manufacturers of steam turbines, have just established their headquarters for Western Canada in Moose Jaw, and Mr. A. J. Boulding, their representative, has moved to the city, according to the monthly letter of the Board of Trade.

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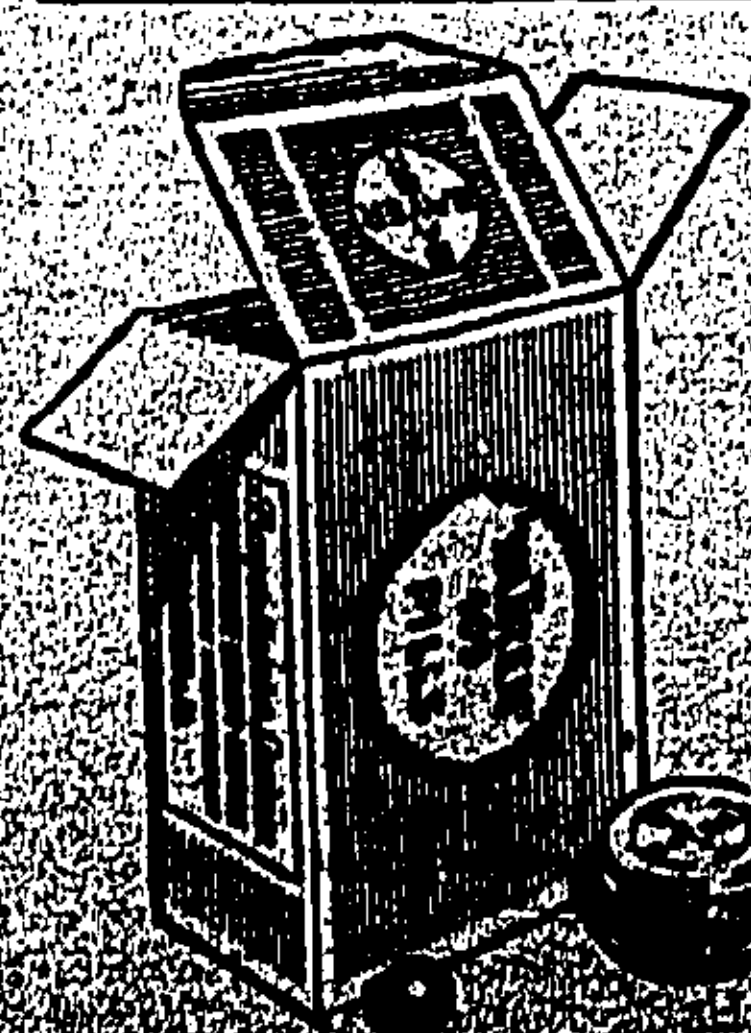
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